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SERIOUS SITUATION IN SYRIA: NO TENDENCY IN LONDON CIRCLES TO BE ALARMED: OFFICIAL WARNING BY AMERICA TO VICHY GOVERNMENT

LONDON, May 16 (Reuter)—WHILE THE GRANT OF FACILITIES TO GERMAN AIRCRAFT IN SYRIA IS REGRETTED, THERE IS NO TENDENCY IN LONDON CIRCLES TO BE ALARMED AT THE SITUATION WHICH IS DESCRIBED AS SERIOUS, BUT CAPABLE OF BEING BROUGHT UNDER CONTROL MILITARILY.

BRITISH QUARTERS READ WITH INTEREST RADIO REPORTS OF THE OFFICIAL UNITED STATES WARNING TO VICHY, CALLING ON THE FRENCH PEOPLE TO CHOOSE BETWEEN THE FRIENDSHIP OF GERMAN OR FRIENDSHIP OF AMERICA.

IT OBSERVED THAT TODAY VICHY IS THE HEART OF THE SICKNESS OF FRANCE, WHILE SYRIA IS ONLY A SYMPTOM OF THE SAME MALADY PERCOLATING THROUGH THE WHOLE FRENCH COLONIAL EMPIRE AND LIABLE TO EXTEND TO THE WESTERN SHORES OF AFRICA, THUS, IN TURN, CONSTITUTING A THREAT TO THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE.

It is recognised in London that Marshal Petain is a tired old man who has been, and is, under pressure from the Germans, and those false Frenchmen, with French names and ancestry, but none of the spirit of France.

France's Decisive Hour

"The French people must choose between the friendship of the United States and that of Germany. Certainly this is a decisive hour for France," said MAJOR ALLEN MURRAY, B.B.C. news commentator, when he broadcast from London last night.

"I wonder what the French people think of the surrender by Admiral Darlan of Syrian air bases to Germany? By pressure on the Vichy Government, the Germans have now obtained a new point of entry into the Near East.

"Their purpose is threefold—To back up Rashid Ali and to take the Mout oilfields; to cut off communications with India and Australia by attacking Egypt from the East as well as from Libya; and, to isolate Turkey.

"The Vichy Government have had ample warning from Britain over what would constitute a breach of the armistice terms and we made it very clear last July that we would not countenance the occupation of Syria by any foreign Power.

DARLAN'S TREACHERY

"The Syrian incident gives some idea of the treachery Admiral Darlan is capable of. We have heard from General Dentz that

THERE IS EVERY REASON TO BELIEVE THAT THE FRENCH AUTHORITIES IN SYRIA ARE WELL AWARE OF THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT'S ATTITUDE AS GIVEN BY MR. ANTHONY EDEN, FOREIGN SECRETARY, IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

Information from the nearest sources indicates that there is no tendency on the part of any leader in Arab States to support Rashid Ali and there is no doubt of the continued loyalty of these States to their friendship with the British Government.

The grave view taken by the British Government of Vichy connivance at the landing of German aircraft in Syria is widely reflected in the Press, says British Wire-less.

THE TIMES emphasises that the Vichy Government was warned long ago as July 1 that the British Government "would not allow Syria or Lebanon to be occupied by any hostile Power or be used as a base for attacks upon those countries in the Middle East, which they are pledged to defend."

The newspaper adds: "Admiral Darlan and his colleagues cannot Cont'd Page 7, Col. 2

HERR HESS SAW RED LIGHT FOR HIMSELF AND RESOLVED TO GET OUT AS WELL AS HE COULD—STEED: WORDS IN "MEIN KAMPF" PROVED

"HERR HESS SAW THE RED LIGHT FOR HIMSELF, AS WELL AS FOR NAZI GERMANY, AND RESOLVED TO GET OUT AS WELL AS HE COULD," said MR. WICKHAM STEED, the eminent authority on international affairs, when he gave his weekly broadcast from London yesterday and discussed what he described as "the most significant event of the past week."

"I have a tough job this week," said Mr. Steed. "It is to give a coherent account of what appears to be a very incoherent incident—the landing in this country of HERR RUDOLF HESS, second successor to Fuehrer of Nazi Germany."

Why Glamourise Hess?

"IF HE IS TALKING the right kind of talk then his arrival here has brought us luck beyond the wildest dreams of the Secret Service," said MAJOR ALLEN MURRAY, B.B.C. commentator, when he broadcast from London last night.

"THE HESS AFFAIR HAS advanced no further as yet and though it is still a sensational story I have been rather sorry to see that in the Press he has been endowed with the glamour of a film star. They tell of the type of magazine he is reading, what he is eating and an assurance that he is very comfortable."

"WHEN YOU THINK OF the cesspool of murder and crime with which he has been associated it is a pity that his arrival in this country should be glamourised."

SO FAR WHAT HAD BEEN disclosed showed that Herr Hess was still devoted to Herr Hitler and this had not been lessened by the way he deserted his country.

"WHEN THE GERMANS HEAR that he has been talking you can imagine the agony of mind they must be suffering. Think of the many schemes that have been discussed for the prosecution of the war and now Herr Hess might blow the gaff and the very one on which they are thinking of acting," said Maj. Murray.

"The Prime Minister told the House of Commons that he would take the first opportunity of giving a full account of the event, but that he would consider public interest in choosing the right moment. I must, therefore, deal with the story as I see it, and it may be full of contradictions. Let me deal with the main facts."

NAZI CONTRADICTIONS
These are that one of the most influential gangsters of Nazi Germany flew to Scotland and is now in a British hospital. All evidence shows that the Germans are absolutely bewildered by what has happened. Everything they say has contradicted something that they said a few hours before.
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THAILAND MISSION HONOURED BY KING

BANGKOK, May 16 (Reuter)—The leader and members of the recent Thailand special goodwill mission to Burma, India, Straits Settlements and Australia, were described by the British Minister, Sir Josiah Crosby, as ambassadors of peace and goodwill who cemented the traditional friendship between the British Empire and Thailand.

The occasion was a garden party in the British Legation when Sir Crosby, in the name of His Britannic Majesty, presented the insignia of the Knight Grand Cross of the British Empire on Captain Luang Dhamrong Naraswat, Minister of Justice and leader of the mission; Commander of the British Empire to Commander Sangob Charunphon, Mom Luang Pichip Maikul and Mom Luang Manit Chumsai. In the presence of over 200 guests comprising members of the Thai Cabinet, prominent Thai officials and non-officials and representatives of all British communities.

DEATH OF LORD LIVERPOOL

LONDON, May 16 (Reuter)—The Earl of Liverpool (Arthur William de Brito Savile Foljambe, G.C.B., P.C., G.C.M.G., G.B.E.) Governor-General of New Zealand from 1917 to 1920, died at Lincoln, aged 70.

Man Found Lying Dead On Shatin Gap Path

In the habit of going to Shatin every third day to sell sweets and peanuts, LI KAI, a 36-year-old hawk set out, as usual, at 7 a.m. on Thursday from his hut in Ho Lik Fui Village, Ngau Shihwan, Kowloon City.

But he failed to return home that night and his wife went in search of her husband yesterday. She found him about 4 o'clock in the afternoon lying dead across the pathway leading to Shatin, about half-a-mile north of Shatin Gap.

FOUR STAB WOUNDS

Li Kai had four stab wounds, three in the chest and the other in the left shoulder, probably caused by a broad instrument.

When Li Kai left for Shatin on Thursday he had four kerosene tins and two half-size kerosene tins with sweets and nuts, which he carried on a bamboo pole, and the value of the goods was \$12.

The tins and pole were missing when Li Kai was found by his wife. The body was removed to the Kowloon Public Mortuary and the Police are investigating.

BRITISH OCCUPY SOLLUM AGAIN

SOLLUM has been occupied by Imperial forces, states a Reuter message.

It will be recalled that Sollum was first occupied by the Italians last September and was recaptured by General Wavell's Army of the Nile in December.

Last month, owing to heavy German pressure and for reasons of strategy, British forces withdrew from Libya with the exception of Tobruk.

In less than a month General Wavell's men have thrown the Germans out again of Sollum.

Why Anzac Troops Were Defeated In Greece

SYDNEY, May 16 (Reuter)—"Our troops were defeated in Greece because they were not effectively equipped," declared the Navy Minister, MR. W. M. HUGHES, in a statement to a Press conference.

"By equipment, I mean every weapon usable in war." Meanwhile, the Air Minister, Mr. J. McEwen, has announced that squadrons of the Royal Australian Air Force, trained under the Empire scheme, are to be formed
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CONSIDERABLE AIR ACTIVITY OVER CRETE

LONDON, May 16 (Reuter)—There has been considerable air activity over Crete. It is authoritatively learned.

Maleina and Herklon have been bombed by the enemy, but the attacks did not cause either damage or casualties.

Five raiders were brought down.

NAZI PRISONERS ESCAPE

Five German airmen prisoners of war, have escaped in the north of England, states Reuter. They went through a thick barbed-wire fence and are still at large.

Relatively Light Scale Raids On Britain

LONDON, May 16 (Reuter)—Although reports of bombing were received from areas as far apart as the south-west of England and the east coast of Scotland, German raids on Britain last night were on a relatively light scale.

Nowhere was there any concentrated attack and incidents were generally confined to coastal districts.

London had a short alert some hours after midnight—the first after-dark alert in the London region since Monday night—but no bombs were reported in any part of the capital.

An Air Ministry communique this morning reports: "Bombs were dropped at several scattered points mostly in the coastal districts. Some damage was done at one or two places on the coast, and at one point there was a small number of casualties."

ABBEY DAMAGE

At least £135,000 worth of damage has been done at Westminster Abbey as a result of the raids since last September.

Damage during last Saturday night's raid on London accounts for £100,000 of this figure.

ON FRENCH COAST

Attacks on a heavier scale than for some time appeared to be delivered by British bombers against objectives on the French coast during several hours on Friday morning.

From the south coast, the rumble of bombs was heard as salvo followed salvo in quick succession. It appeared that both Calais and Boulogne regions were attacked.

RADIO AERIAL SWEPT

Pilots who participated in yesterday's bombing raid on a convoy

of Axis ships off the Frisian Islands, during which three vessels were set on fire, reported today that the attack was delivered from such a low level that one British bomber swept away the radio aerial of one ship.

A bomber released its bombs into a vessel, which was subsequently seen well alight.

The Squadron Leader, who had selected the largest vessel for himself, explained ruefully that just when he was about to release his bombs, "two other planes beat me to it."

HANOVER ATTACKED

LONDON, May 16 (Reuter)—Hanover was the main objective of a strong force of aircraft of the Bomber Command last night, according to an Air Ministry communique today.

Large fires were started in the industrial quarters of the town. Some of our heavy bombers also visited Berlin and objectives in Hamburg were attacked, as well as the docks at Calais, Boulogne and Dieppe.

Four of our aircraft are missing from all these operations.

Aircraft of the Coastal Command last night attacked the docks and shipping at St. Nazaire and L'Orient.

From these operations none of our aircraft is missing.

Today's News Summary

THE SITUATION in Syria is serious and, while the French action in giving the Germans permission to use Syrian aerodromes is regretted, there is no tendency in London circles to be alarmed. The United States has officially warned the Vichy Government that they must choose between the friendship of Germany and the friendship of the United States.

SOLLUM HAS BEEN reoccupied by Imperial forces, it is officially reported. The British had to withdraw last month owing to heavy German pressure and for reasons of strategy.

GERMAN AIR ACTIVITY over Britain on Thursday night was on a relatively small scale and was mostly confined to the coastal area. Hanover was the principal target of R.A.F.

THE DEFEAT OF ANZAC troops in Greece, is explained by the Australian Minister of the Navy, Mr. Hughes.

CONSIDERABLE ENEMY air activity over Crete is reported. Five raiders were shot down.

LORD LIVERPOOL, a former Governor-General of New Zealand, has died in Lincoln at the age of 70.

Eastern Group Council Is Not Monster Sales Organisation

SIMLA, May 16 (Reuter)—When considering the EASTERN GROUP COUNCIL'S activities, it is well to bear in mind that the Council cannot create a demand and it is not a monster sales organisation for beating up custom, said MR. M. S. A. HYDARI, India's representative on the Eastern Group Council, broadcasting today.

He added that its function is to arrange supplies in a steady and speedy flow of what defence services state they require, and the period of time it is required.

It is not for the Council to busy itself with economic planning. The Eastern Group is also not a self-sufficient entity and there are articles of war supply which the Group cannot supply at all.

He reiterated that the Council is an organisation which has been set up to serve the needs of the war. Its objective is not economic advancement of its constituent countries though that must result from its operations.

THE PURPOSE

Its purpose is efficient procurement of war supplies, using the Eastern Group as a vast unit of supply. Though the end of the war should see an end of the Council as it is at present, it may

MORE GERMAN ASSURANCES TO TURKEY

LONDON, May 16 (Reuter)—The Germans are increasing their assurances to Turkey, according to the Independent French Agency's Istanbul correspondent.

"The Germans are now asking for grain. They assert that the Germans will not demand a passage of troops through Turkey, leaving it to be understood that they will reach Syria and Suez by another route, after having overcome the British strongholds of Crete and Cyprus."

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MR. HEMINGWAY AND HIS VISIT TO CANTON

But Noted Author Is Not Telling Story Here!

Stopping over in Hongkong some three or four days while awaiting the Clipper for Manila about a fortnight ago, MR. ERNEST HEMINGWAY, the noted author and war correspondent, spent a good portion of his waking hours at work on a number of articles for the New York evening newspaper P.M.

One of these concerned a visit to Canton on which Mr. Hemingway embarked while on the North Kwangtung front with a number of friends he had made in the course of a visit to the Chinese Army headquarters there.

Mr. Hemingway, who has seen a number of similar exploits in his adventurous existence, thought nothing very much of the visit.

What did Mr. Hemingway, however, was the suggestion that he hadn't seen anything of China in the course of a very hectic fortnight of travel. What raised Mr. Hemingway's temperature even more was the suggestion that he hadn't seen very much of the Chinese Army.

So it was that Mr. Hemingway came out on a number of occasions during his stay here with the story of his Canton visit, though the whole of it was never dragged out of him, being jealously guarded for first release in the columns of P.M.

Mr. Hemingway over a bottle of wine, would make one reference or other to Canton, and was asked once by our reporter to describe the town to him, so he could try and recognise one or two landmarks.

CONVINCING REPLY
Mr. Hemingway came out with a very convincing reply. "Looks something like this place," he said, moving nearer to a pitcher of drinking water and cracked ice, which in one motion he proceeded to pick up and empty of its contents.

Mr. Hemingway was very much impressed with what he saw of the Chinese Army. Ready to talk "off the record," he would not go into detail on what he had seen and what had impressed him particularly, but, he said, he thought the Chinese soldier was pretty good.

His Canton visit, he did not regard as any great adventure and would make mention of it only as an illustration of the fact that a good number of Chinese, possessed of a full measure of "guts," were visiting the place quite regularly—and not only Canton. Mr. Hemingway just went to "see for himself" and came back satisfied with the fact that such exploits existed as truly in real life as in the stories of Old China Hands.

THE CANTON VISIT

The Canton visit, as related to-

Lawn Bowls Teams

The following are further lawn bowls teams for today's games:—

C.S.C.C.
First Division (v. Recreation "B", Home)
E. Purvis, T. Seddon, W. Burling and C. Strange (Skip).
J. Gellately, E. Kirmion, V. Ebbage and M. Rakusen (Skip).
D. Crawley, J. Carr, J. Hempsey and J. McCowan (Skip).
Reserves:—A. Sheppard and W. Collidge.

C.C.C.
First Division (v. K.C.C. Home)
J. W. Leonard, N. P. Karanjia, A. E. Conates and D. W. Bradbury (Skip).
A. M. Omar, K. M. Omar, R. Basa and U. M. Omar (Skip).
Y. A. Razack, W. K. Way, J. S. Landolt and C. B. Rosset (Skip).
Second Division (v. Talko R.C. Away)

A. A. Razack, A. Kitchell, E. Zimmern and T. L. Lock (Skip).
J. H. Xavier, L. E. Lahmert, L. C. R. Souza and M. J. Medina (Skip).
S. R. Solina, H. G. Forman, W. Ward and H. W. Randall (Skip).
Third Division (v. Indian R.C. Home)
W. E. Broadbridge, A. E. S. Alves, Dr. C. W. Lam and G. S. Ladd (Skip).
L. M. Roza, M. A. Baptista, F. K. Modi and A. J. Coelho (Skip).
F. Lee, E. S. Franks, D. A. Rozario and L. Gaddi (Skip).

One Rink Friendly (v. K.C.C. Away)
R. K. Pavri, Li Sui-wing, W. J. Curd and V. A. Itenson (Skip).

I.R.C.
First Division (v. K.R.G. Club "A" Home)
A. K. Suffad, K. M. Ramjahn, A. M. Ramjahn and M. R. Abbas (Skip).
J. Hoosen, A. H. Ramjahn, A. R. Minu and A. K. Minu (Skip).
D. M. Khan, S. Yusuf, U. A. Ramjahn and A. R. Dallah (Skip).

Third Division (v. C.C.C. Away)
M. Hassan, J. M. A. Ramjahn, M. U. Razack and S. M. Ramjahn (Skip).
M. B. Hassan, A. S. Suffad, A. H. Madar and A. M. Wahab (Skip).
B. el Arculli, M. A. Wahab, A. G. Suffad and A. O. Madar (Skip).

K.D.R.C.
First Division (v. Kowloon Bowling Green Club "B" Home)
W. Houston, W. C. K. Mackie, P. Cullen and J. Kempton (Skip).
R. H. A. Lapsley, W. McMaster, W. Greig and T. Coleman (Skip).
V. Ramsay, J. Revie, M. Ferguson and R. Morrison (Skip).

Fanling Golf

STARTING TIMES FOR SUNDAY

The Royal Hongkong Golf Club starting times for Fanling tomorrow are as follows:—

OLD COURSE
a.m.
9.16 A. E. Lissaman, R. Forrest.
9.20 J. Redman, G. G. Altken-head.
9.24 Major Giles, R. Young.
9.28 R. S. W. Paterson, J. C. Taylor.
9.32 I. H. Geare, R. C. Gairdner.
9.36 L. A. R. Duncan, S. L. Lloyd.
9.40 J. L. MacIntyre, A. McKeller.
9.44 J. R. Way, M. A. Cairns.
9.48 F. X. Lee, S. S. Church.
9.52 B. O. Baldwin, H. W. Belsley.
10.12 A. K. Mackenzie, Col. Rose.
10.16 F. D. Hunter, J. A. Blackwood.
10.20 R. P. Morris, H. A. Mills.
10.24 A. B. Purves, G. M. Park.
10.28 C. M. Williams, P. E. Annis.
10.32 E. Hearther, H. M. Rowland.
10.36 J. J. Van Muihlen, D. H. Hamilton.
10.40 H. Overy, W. J. E. Mackenzie.

NEW COURSE
9.40 Miss Balchin, Miss Findley.
10.00 A. C. I. Bowker, J. R. Collis.

SPORTING FIXTURES
TODAY
LAWN BOWLS—First Division: Recreation "A" v. Police R.C., Craigengower v. Kowloon C.C., Civil Service v. Recreation "B", Indian R.C. v. Kowloon B.G.C. "A", Kowloon Docks R.C. v. Kowloon B.G.C. "B", Second Division: Recreation v. Prison O.C., Hongkong C.C. v. Kowloon Tong, Kowloon C.C. v. Hongkong F.C., Talko R.C. v. Craigengower, Third Division: Craigengower v. Indian R.C., Kowloon B.G.C. v. Kowloon F.C., Hongkong F.C. v. Recreation, Police R.C. v. Hongkong Electric.

TOMORROW
HUNT.—Cottage Club's Paper Hunt, 5.30 p.m.
ATHLETICS.—Chinese Amateur Club v. The Army (Caroline Hill) 3 p.m.

BOWLS ENTRIES
Intending participants in the various Lawn Bowls Championships of the Colony are reminded that entries close on Monday, May 26.

THREE BASEBALL GAMES FOR THE WEEK-END

Hongkong Brewers Favoured To Beat The Mighty "T"

Still impatiently awaiting the official opening of the baseball season, local players will stage three games during this weekend, commencing with a clash between the U.S.S. Tulsa and the Royal Engineers at 2.30 p.m. today. Although Welfie Welford's Sappers have made great strides since their debut last season, they are not expected to down the boys from the mighty "T" who have their eyes on the Bagram Shield this year.

Lefty Sarsfield will again start on the mound for the Engineers and will be supported by Heath behind the pan. MacClanahan will toe the rubber for the bluejackets and, with the aid of a very steady lineup, should stem the Sappers' attack without much difficulty.

The Tulsa aggregation make an appearance at 10 a.m. tomorrow against the H.K. Brewers in what should be the best of this week's games.

Dave Leonard will line-up Madden Arculli on the hillcock, Shorty Arculli hindsnatching, Jindoo Hussain at the initial sack, George "Strawberry" Souza at the keystone, Dave the "Bambino" himself at the hot corner, Pee Wee Tony Alves at short backed by Hank All, Baby Abbas and Artur Ozorio in the pastures.

With this squad in the field, last season's runners-up should account for the bluejackets in a close and interesting battle.

MINDANAO-S.C.A.A. CLASH

Following on at 2.30 p.m., the Mindanao, present holders of the Bagram Shield, take on South China who have, this year, been reinforced by the acquisition of the services of Nip Lum, Hal "Baby-face" Wing Lee, Tommy Chan and



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also be played. The Cardinals out the Cardinals are determined to wipe out the stain of having succumbed to a girls' outfit. Although the standard of play is not expected to be very high, the long trek to Lal Chi Kok to tangle with the Standard-Vacuum Oilers, enjoyable time as I hear the Socony lads are being stuck for the cost of a mutual beano if they should lose and expect to repeat tomorrow, but this second leg.

AIRPLANE FUND CAMPAIGN

HUGE SUM RAISED IN UNITED STATES

More than U.S.\$5,000,000, equivalent to over N.C.\$100,000,000, was raised in America during the recent Chinese Airplane Fund Campaign there, according to Messrs. Lam Fuk-yun and Chan Ng-sing, members of the Overseas Chinese Association for National Salvation Through Aviation, who recently returned here after about a year's tour abroad.

The fund, they said, is deposited with the San Francisco branch of the Bank of Canton.

Messrs. Lam and Chan toured Canada, the United States, Central and South America and were deeply impressed by the whole-hearted enthusiasm displayed by the overseas Chinese there in patriotic activities.

CONCERT PLANNED
The "Airplane Fund Campaign," planned by the Chinese artists in Hongkong and Macao will be started on May 28 when a concert will be held at the Lee Theatre to raise funds.

A number of well-known Chinese musicians and songsters in the Colony will participate in the concert which will have an interesting programme.

WOULD-BE SUICIDE

A young girl, Chen Ying-luen, 18, of No. 875, Shanghai Street, attempted to commit suicide by jumping from the roof of a house in Ping Street, Kowloon City, about 5.30 p.m. on Thursday.

She was admitted to Kowloon Hospital and her condition was serious.

LEAGUE TENNIS FIXTURES

The League Tennis handbook is now out of the hands of the printers and is being forwarded to the tennis convenors of the various clubs competing in the League.

The following are the fixtures for next week:—

MONDAY
First Division
C.R.C. v. Hongkong U.T.C.
C.D.R. v. South China A.A.
Hongkong C.C. v. Kowloon C.C.
TUESDAY
Second Division
C.R.C. v. A.T.C.
Kowloon C.C. v. C.S.C.C.
South China A.A. v. K.T.G.C.A.
WEDNESDAY
Third Division
C.D.R. v. A.T.C.
C.R.C. (1) v. K.T.G.C.A.
Hongkong U.T.C. v. Kowloon C.C.
C.C.C. v. C.R.C. (2).
South China A.A. v. K.I.T.C.
THURSDAY
Fourth Division
A.T.C. v. P.O.R.C. (1).
C.B.A. v. J.R.C.
I.R.C. v. Filipino Club
K.I.T.C. v. South China A.A.
C.R.C. v. C.C.C.

PAYNE STAKES

LONDON, May 16 (Reuter).—The 11/8 favourite, Winter Halter, ridden by Harry Wragg, won the Payne Stakes at Newmarket yesterday. Hippos (6/1) and Planchado (5/2) were second and third.

Winter Halter won by three-quarters of a length, a neck separating second from third. Five ran.

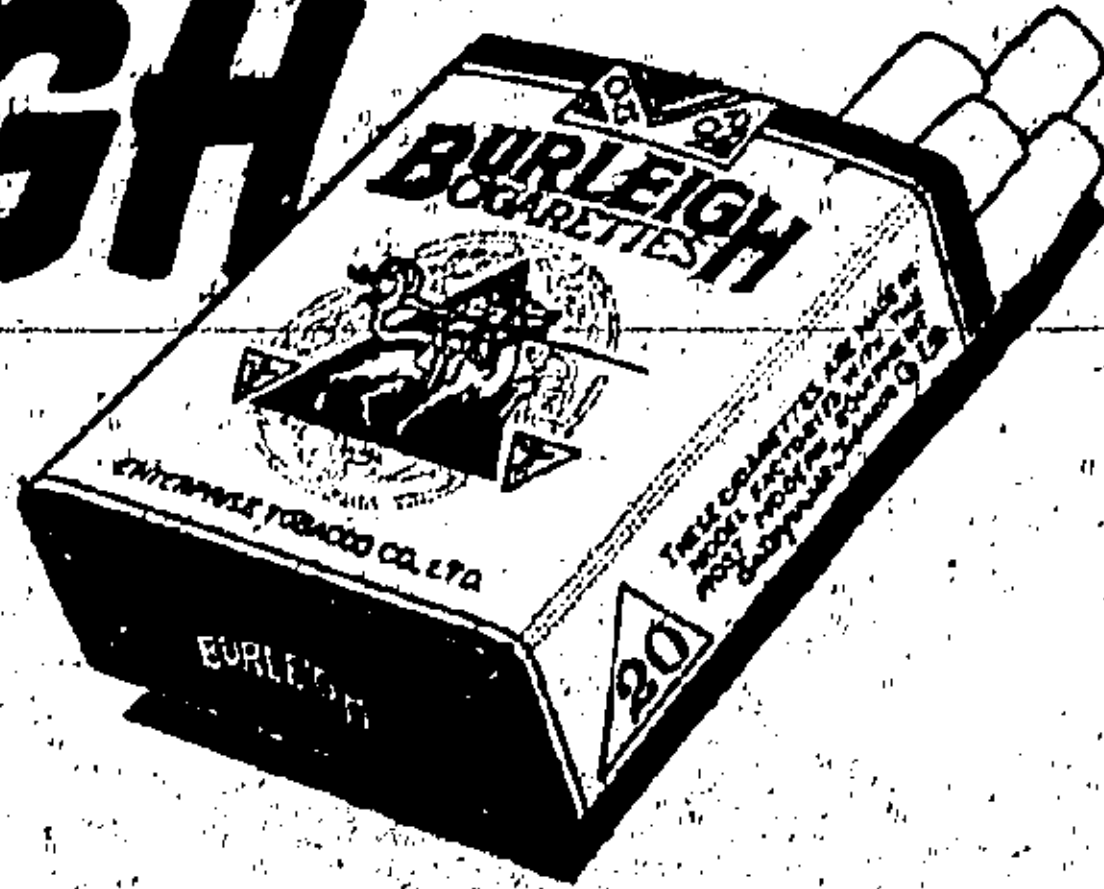
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Dance, Peninsula Hotel, 5 p.m.

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Competition" of H.K. Polo Club

Gymkhana, noon.

Chinese Australasian Assn. Supper

Dance, H.K. Hotel, 8 p.m.

Canton Women's International Club

H.K. Branch Meeting, Golden City

Restaurant.

Lecture: Dr. Chitt on "Prophecy," 77

Pokfulam Road, 2nd floor, 8.20 p.m.

Cottage Club Paper Hunt.

18—Tides: High 4.30 a.m. and 2.23 p.m. Low: 7.31 a.m. and 8.57 p.m.

Sunrise: 5.42 a.m.; Sunset: 6.57 p.m.

Y.M.C.A. Discussion Gr., 9 p.m.

H.K. Police Rifle and Revolver Club

Annual Championships, Tai Koo Range.

Athletics—Army (Medical) v. South

China, Caroline Hill.

19—Tides: High 5.32 a.m. and 3.54 p.m. Low: 9.32 a.m. and 10.52 p.m.

Sunrise: 5.42 a.m.; Sunset: 6.57 p.m.

H.K. Amateur Cinema Club Film

Show, European Y.M.C.A. West

Lounge, 7 p.m.

Crown Land Sale, P.W.D., 3 p.m.

St. Andrew's (Medical) War Work,

10 a.m.

St. Andrew's Club Committee Meet-

ing, 5.30 p.m.

V.D.M.A. Annual Meeting, St. John's

Cathedral Hall, 5.30 p.m.

20—Tides: High 6.20 a.m. and 5.21 p.m. Low: 11.25 a.m. and 11.39 p.m.

Sunrise: 5.41 a.m.; Sunset: 6.58 p.m.

La Salle Old Boys' Assn. Lecture,

"Religion and Life," 8 p.m.

H.K. Police Reserve Tea Party to

Commissioner of Police, H.K. Hotel,

5.15 p.m.

H.K. Nurses and Midwives Assn.

Meeting, Helena May Institute, 5.30

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6 Graceful bird

10 Brother of Odin

12 Century plant

13 An ocean

15 Wife of a lord

18 Examine minutely

17 Instrument for rowing

13 Burning

20 Type of balsam

21 Quagmire

23 Card with single sport

24 Mournful

25 Era

28 Observe

22 Note in the scale

30 Withdraw from

32 Monetary unit of the United States

34 Symbol

35 Machine for spreading hay

37 Assam silkworm

38 By means of

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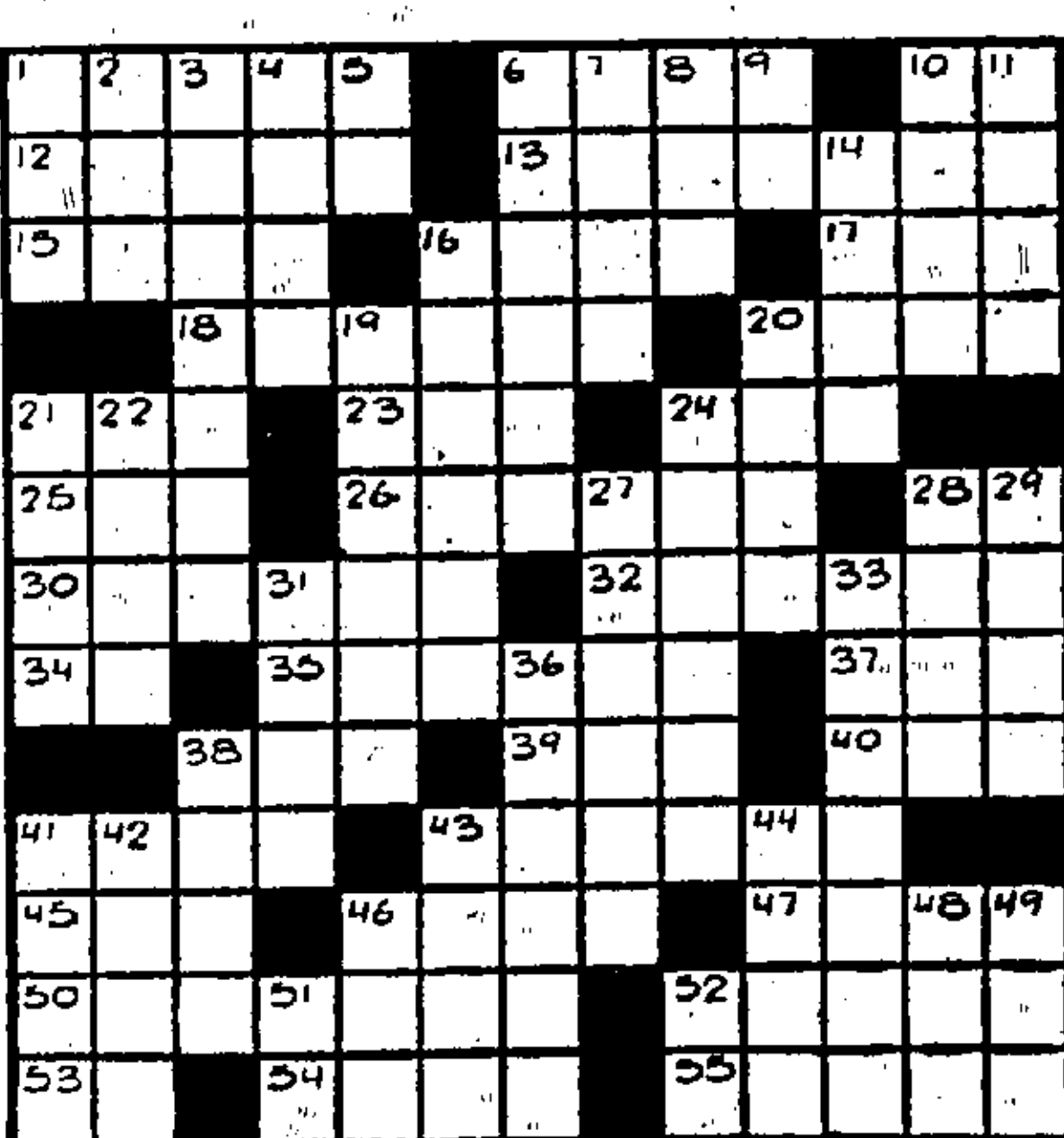
40 Flightless bird

41 Moved through water

43 Goods thrown overboard

45 The one-thousandth of an inch

46 Level with the ground



47 Old English coin

50 Long, loose overcoat

52 Cleanse repeatedly

53 Earth goddess

54 Tractable

55 Moved forward

little by little

DOWN

1 Crazy

2 Turkish title

3 Injure

4 Affirm

5 Myself

6 Form of harpsichord

7 Float

8 Perform

9 Symbol for nickel

10 Small bottle

11 Pale brownish color

14 Anything that nourishes

15 Period of time

19 Hazard

20 Chinese weight for grain

21 Building for storage

22 Painted arc

24 Disdains

27 Form an idea

28 Card game

29 Melody

31 Newspaper

33 Small rodent

36 Stylish

38 Friends

41 Affectedly precise

42 Gull

43 Pots

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46 The turmeric

48 Amalgamated Society of Engineers (abbr.)

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12.56 A Saint-Saens Song.

Samson and Delilah—Act 2: "Amor! I Mei Sini Proteggi"—Ebe Stignani (Mezzo-Soprano) with Orchestra.

1.00 Local Time Signal.

1.01 Light Orchestral Selections w. Richard Crooks (Tenor).

In the Shadows (Finck); The Skaters—Waltz (Waldteufel)—Victor Silvesters' Harmony Music. For Love Alone (Selver-Thayer); The Unforgotten Melody (Lockton)—Wood—Richard Crooks (Tenor) with Orchestra. Napoli—Tarentelle (Mezzacapo); Chant de Sirene (Volpatti)—Orchestra. Napoli. One Alone ("The Desert Song"—Romberg)—Richard Crooks (Tenor) with Orchestra. Lehar Waltz Popcorn (arr. Robrecht)—Orchestra. Mascotte.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press and Announcements.

1.45 Popular War-Time Variety.

Vocal—Old Soldiers Never Die! Intro: Fall in and Follow Me; Let the Great Big World Keep Turning; Hello! Hello! Who's Your Lady Friend? Mademoiselle from Armentieres; There's a Long Long Trail; Take me Back to Dear Old Blighty; If You Were the Only Girl in the World; It's a Long Way to Tipperary; Fall in and Follow Me—Gracie Fields with Orchestra and Male Chorus. Swing Fox-Trot—Oh! Johnny, Oh! Johnny, Oh!—Arthur Young and Hatchett's Swingette featuring Stephane Grappelly and Beryl Davis. Piano-Accordion Band—All Pals Together (Stoan)—London Piano-Accordion Band with vocal Chorus.

5.15 The London Piano-Accordion Band and Kitty Masters (Vocal).

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5.30 London Relay—The News and News Commentary.

9.15 The Royal Artillery Band (Eric Coates). Songs of the Brave (Quick March—Bldgood); Songs of the "Old Contemptibles" (Watson and others); Home Guards on Parade (arr. Duthoit).

9.30 Local Sport Results.

9.33 Light French Songs.

Je T'Aime—Waltz Song (Willemetz and Marchand); Out Je T'Aime O Paris—Waltz Song (Willemetz and Marchand)—Yvonne Printemps (Soprano) with Orchestra. Si Vous L'avez Compris (Denza and Bordes).

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Vocal

Kiss me Goodnight, Sergeant Major (Noel & Peluso)—Arthur Askey with Orchestra. Fox-Trot—The Old Tin Holmet; Wings over the Navy (film "Wings over the Navy")—The Organ. The Dance Band and Me w. Male Voice Quartet. Fox-Trot—Lords of the Air—The Organ. The Dance Band and Me with Male Chorus. Vocal—There'll Always Be an England (Parker and Charles)—Dennis Noble (Baritone) with piano accomp.

2.15 Close Down.

5.45 Indian Programme.

5.30 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

8.32 Auber—Crown Diamonds (vocal).

London Philharmonic Orchestra cond. by Constantin Lambert.

6.42 D'Indy—Suite for Flute, Violin, Cello and Harp—Op. 91.

Entree en Sonate—Air desuet—Sara-bande—Farnole; varise—Quintette Instrumental de Paris.

7.00 London Relay—The News.

7.15 London Relay—"Questions of the Hour."

7.30 London Relay—Special Broadcast to the British Forces in the Far East.

8.00 Local Time Signal and Announcements.

8.02 Selections from the Shows.

Lights Up—Selection (Gay)—Gerald and the Savoy Hotel Orchestra with Vocal Chorus. New Moon—Vocal Chorus (Hammerstein 2nd & Romberg)—Light Opera Company. The Great Waltz—Selection—Rawicz & Landauer (piano duet). Bitter Sweet—I'll See You Again (Noel Coward)—Hildegard (vocal) with Orch.

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NEW RECORD FOR RADIO SALES

A new high record for sales of radio receiving sets in Canada was set up last year. The increase over 1939 was 18 per cent. Production of radio receivers in Canada increased by over 40 per cent, while imports declined. Similarly imports of radio receiving tubes decreased, but production in the Dominion rose by 63 per cent. Eighty-eight per cent of the receiving sets sold in Canada last year were classified as between short wave and standard broadcast band. Of the number so classified 57 per cent, approximately, were broadcast band and 43 per cent, short wave.

In the first half of the year 39 per cent of the number so classified were short wave and 61 per cent, broadcast band. For the nine months the proportion of short wave was 44 per cent, while 56 per cent were classified as broadcast band.

The number of radio receiving sets sold by producers in Canada last year totalled 438,978. The previous high record had been established in 1939 at 370,568 sets. As between 1939 and 1940 sales increased in three of the quarterly periods.

FIRST QUARTER

In the first quarter sales rose from 40,973 to 71,503; second quarter from 52,895 to 85,937; decreased in the third quarter from 139,448 to 116,886; but in the last quarter increased from 138,152 to 164,670. The production of radio receiving sets in Canada advanced from 343,507 in 1939 to 492,855 in 1940.

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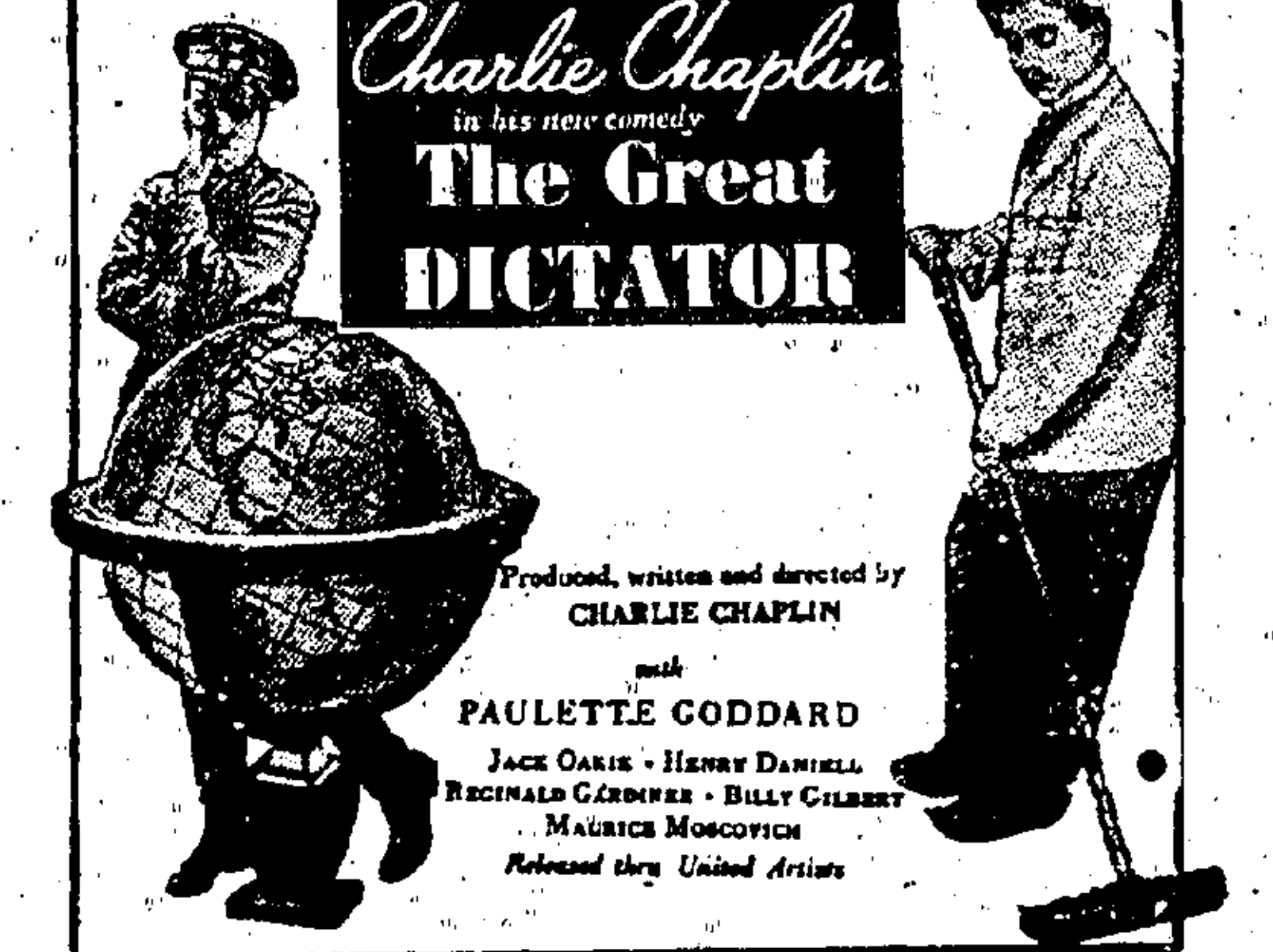
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SQUADRONS OF GERMAN AIRCRAFT REPORTED INSTALLED IN SYRIAN 'DROMES

Tanks Also Claimed Landed At Several Ports: Action A Breach Of Armistice Terms

LONDON, May 16 (REUTER).—THOUGH UNCONFIRMED, REPORTS STATE THAT THE GERMAN AIR FORCE is installed in four Syrian bases, including the No. 1 airport of Rayak. Reporting this, an American radio commentator, speaking from Ankara, added that the Germans are said to have landed 20 bombers four days ago and that this number is said to have been swelled by the arrival of new squadrons.

According to other reports, the Germans have succeeded in transporting by boat and are disembarking at Syrian ports a certain amount of war material, including tanks, but the Germans in Ankara deny this.

The German Embassy spokesman said: "There is only one German soldier in Syria and he is a member of the German-Italian symposium commission."

Another Axis informant said: "London's decision to send the R.A.F. into action was premature because no German troops had reached Syria although military preparations had been under way both in Syrian air bases and ports."

It is learned in Ankara, the commentator added, that a German-Italian military mission has arrived at the Iraqi capital and German technicians are reported en route across Syria to Iraq.

MOSTLY BOMBERS
CAIRO, May 16 (REUTER).—German planes, which were previously reported to be flying across Syria, are stated authoritatively to have used aerodromes in Syria while en route to Iraq.

They appear to be mostly bombers but there may be one or two troop-carriers among them. Rayak and Aleppo are among the aerodromes they are reported to have used.

Some of the machines are probably remaining in Syria. Operations have been going on for three or four days.

DISGUISED MARKINGS
A number of German planes with disguised markings landed at three Syrian aerodromes apparently en route to Iraq. It is reliably learned here.

The presence at Beirut of a high German personage, who is engaged in conversations with the Italian Armistice Commission and French authorities, is also reported by a traveller who arrived here from Syria.

It is reported here from private sources that a certain number of German aircraft recently landed at Rayak, an air base in Syria. Other information received here is that two Axis military missions are now in Baghdad where they arrived a few days ago in planes which flew over Syrian territory. The Italian mission consists of two Italian air generals and staff. The German mission numbers 15 who arrived in two aeroplanes.

It is officially announced that following an urgent appeal by Rashid Ali, a certain number of German aircraft arrived in Iraq, mainly.

Flight Of Hess Likely To Hasten German Blitzkrieg

LONDON, May 16 (REUTER).—The flight of Rudolf Hess to Britain is undoubtedly an event of the first importance and will have definitely favourable reactions on Britain's war effort, but whatever may be the real cause of his flight, it will have no effect on events which are immediately impending, writes Reuter's Military correspondent.

Hitler's plans for the coming campaign will not be altered or delayed; on the contrary, the flight of Hess is "likely to hasten their execution for Hitler may well feel the necessity of giving Germany something else to think about and to achieve a fresh triumph to hearten them."

Within a month, as I see the situation, Hitler will invade Spain, with or without France's consent, besiege Gibraltar and attempt to seize the Atlantic ports of Spain and Portugal.

There will be an attack on Turkey coupled with an attack on Crete, and probably an invasion

SENATE DEFEATS ISOLATIONISTS

WASHINGTON, May 16 (REUTER).—The Senate yesterday defeated an isolationist effort to veto the transfer of shipping from one belligerent to another despite arguments that such transfer would be "needless provocative acts of war."

It will be recalled that the House of Representatives defeated a similar amendment on May 7.

AIRCRAFT

Enemy Convoy Attacked By The R.A.F.

Three Supply Ships Left Burning

LONDON, May 16 (REUTER).—British bombers yesterday afternoon attacked an escorted convoy off the Frisian Islands, bombing three supply ships of 2,000, 4,000 and 5,000 tons respectively. These were left burning.

Shortly afterwards, enemy fighters attacked the bombers. One of these fighters was shot down and one British aircraft is missing, says the Air Ministry.

Aircraft of the Fighter Command carried out several sweeps over the Channel and Northern France in the course of which several enemy aircraft were machine-gunned on the ground and one was shot down.

Ships were also machine-gunned from a low level.

On these operations, one British plane was lost.

RAIDER DOWNED

There has been some activity by enemy aircraft in the coastal areas yesterday, says the Air Ministry. Bombs were dropped at several points, but little damage and no casualties were reported.

One enemy bomber was shot down by our fighters.

It is now known that an enemy aircraft was destroyed off the south coast last night.

FIGHTERS' SUCCESS

It is learned in London that two enemy aircraft were shot down by British fighters yesterday.

It is now known that one enemy aircraft was destroyed off the coast last night.

London last night was quiet without an alert, and up to early Thursday no reports were made of raids in any other parts of the country.

Presumably the bad weather conditions on the Continent have restricted German air activity to small excursions around the British shores.

A few planes are believed to have crossed the coast at one or two points, but no bombs were dropped.

JAPANESE OFFENSIVES IN HUPEH SHATTERED: CHINESE TROOPS REACH KINGMEN

CHUNGKING, May 16 (Central).—After about a fortnight's fighting, the Japanese offensives on the east and west banks of the Han River in Hupeh have been shattered, according to military advisers. The Chinese have recovered their original positions except at Huanamchen at the northeastern slope of the Tahnun Mountain, Range where the Japanese are still in occupation.

Braving rains, the Chinese launched heavy attacks on both banks of the river on May 11 and 12, and repulsed the Japanese at various points. On the east bank they recaptured Changshou-tien and Fenglobo, points north of Chungsiang, and are pressing on to Yangtzechen, 10 miles north of Chungsiang.

On the west bank they wrested back Luhotai, Anchiatsi and Li-chiatang, while the Japanese pushing northward from Tangyang, about 30 miles northeast of Ichang, to Yuanan, 16 miles northwest of Tangyang, were driven back.

Smashing through Yenchinmiao, about 30 miles north of Kinmen, a Chinese unit in pursuit of the Japanese has reached the suburbs of Kingmen, where it is making a fierce assault.

JAP. UNIT ATTACKED
Two Japanese units at Huanamchen at the northeastern slope of the Tahnun Mountain Range tried to push northward. One unit pushed through Chenchiater but was checked at Wangchiachai.

OFFICIAL BRITISH WAR CASUALTIES

LONDON, May 16 (REUTER).—Authentic figures of British casualties on the Western Front and in Norway were given by the Government spokesman in the House of Commons.

The total of troops sent to France up to June, 1940, were 437,000. Three hundred and eighty-four thousand were brought away and 40,000 were left as prisoners of war.

Corresponding figures for Norway were 23,800 and 22,800.

of Europe, as has been the case to date, where the Germans can bring in overwhelming numbers, but in Africa and in Asia where the British Empire can redress the balance of numbers and even swing it to the Allied side.

SECRET SESSION OF COMMONS

Public Anxiety On Supplies Question

LONDON, May 16 (REUTER).—The House of Commons will shortly hold a secret session to discuss the Ministry of Supply.

Back-bench Labourite, Mr. Bevan, in the House of Commons yesterday afternoon asserted that there was much public anxiety on the matter of supply and asked whether this would be allayed by a private session.

Mr. Churchill declared that the Government would have welcomed a public session. He did not agree there was so much anxiety and he hoped to show that great progress was being made, but anything more foolish than to give facts and figures in details in public, which would go to Lisbon and then Germany, he could not imagine.

"We really must leave some work for the German Intelligence," (Laughter).

Petain On Negotiations With Reich

LONDON, May 16 (REUTER).—Marshal Petain, in a broadcast speech, referred to Admiral Darlan's secret talk with Hitler in Germany.

He said: "I have approved the principles of this meeting" and added: "This new meeting will enable us to see clearly the road into the future and to continue the talks begun with the German Government."

"Opinion that is apprehensive because it is misinformed no longer measures our chances and risks and judges our actions today."

"The question for you Frenchmen now is to follow me without reservation along the path of honour and national interest."

"If we successfully complete the negotiations now in progress while maintaining the strictest discipline of our public spirit, France will overcome her defeat and will be able to maintain in the world her position as a European and colonial power."

Nazi-Turkish Friendship Stressed

VON PAPAN TRIES HONEYED WORDS

ANKARA, May 16 (REUTER).—It is generally believed that Herr von Papan, the German envoy, in addition to delivering Hitler's "friendly message" when he saw the President, particularly stressed German "friendliness towards Turkey"—the line which it is understood he took at the Foreign Office the previous day.

It is stated that Von Papan placed no demands and asked nothing of Turkey but stressed the friendly relations between the two countries since they were allies in the last war, and he undoubtedly told the Turks that Germany was willing to trade on a larger scale.

HONEYED WORDS

In accordance with normal diplomatic procedure it is expected that the Turkish President will instruct the Turkish Ambassador to thank Hitler for his message but even Von Papan must realise that the Turks cannot be lulled into a sense of false security with honeyed words and that they are continuing to take all necessary measures to safeguard their independence including the weeding out of any likely fifth columnists.

DIPLOMATS RECEIVED

LONDON, May 16 (REUTER).—The Turkish President, General Inonu, gave an interview to the Iraqi Minister of War and the Iraqi Minister at Ankara on Thursday, states the Ankara radio.

In the afternoon the President had received the German Minister and the Greek Ambassador at the Presidential palace.

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DANCING HOSTESS FAILS IN BREACH OF PROMISE CLAIM AGAINST MERCHANT

Judgment Delivered In Sordid Case

"THE CASE, IF I MAY SAY SO, IS A SORDID ONE WHICH DOES LITTLE OR NO CREDIT TO EITHER PARTY, and I think the real truth of the matter is that whatever the defendant might have said to the plaintiff during the period of their so-called friendship it was said for the sole purpose of entering into an illicit relationship with the woman, for which, incidentally, she appears to have been amply rewarded."

"For these reasons I hold that the plaintiff has failed to make out her claim and judgment with costs will be entered for the defendant," said Mr. Justice P. E. F. Cressall at the Summary Court yesterday in delivering his decision in the action brought by a dancing hostess who claimed the sum of \$1,000 damages for a breach of promise of marriage.

Plaintiff in the action was Cheung Li-lam, single woman, of No. 1 Min Fat Street, first floor, Wongneichung, while the defendant was Chan Ahng, merchant, of No. 126 Wing Lok Street, first floor.

Plaintiff was represented by Mr. M. A. da Silva while Mr. C. A. Sutherland Russ was for the defendant.

Plaintiff, in the statement of claim, alleged that by a verbal agreement defendant agreed to marry her within a reasonable time and, relying on this promise, plaintiff further alleged, defendant in or about August last seduced her whereby she became pregnant of a child.

THE JUDGMENT

Delivering judgment, his Lordship said:—

This is an action claiming the sum of \$1,000 as damages for a breach of a promise to marry.

In cases of this nature the cause of action is based on the general rule in the law of contract which stipulates that every agreement, not manifestly impossible, made deliberately and seriously by persons capable of contracting and having a ground or reason which is not immoral or forbidden by law, may be enforced by action, although there may have been no consideration in the sense of English Law (Rood v. Wallach (1904), T.S. 187-S. AF).

In order to succeed, however, a plaintiff must show that, not only did the defendant promise to marry her, but that she promised to marry him; for in this, as in all other cases, a contract must be mutual. There is, of course, no necessity to prove the actual promise in words for the other party's acceptance of the offer may be inferred from the surrounding circumstances, as for example, the fact that the woman made no objection at the time of the offer, and that she permitted the defendant to visit her in the capacity of a suitor.

MATERIAL EVIDENCE

It is also necessary for the evidence, in support of the promise, to be corroborated by some other material evidence. This corroboration by itself need not go to the length of proving the promise; it will be sufficient if it supports the plaintiff's evidence in respect of the promise, so as to make it appear reasonable, so that her testimony that the promise was given is true; and it need not necessarily be of facts subsequent to the engagement, but may consist of facts prior to it (Wilcox v. Gotfrey (1872) 28 L.T. 481).

These briefly are the considerations which must be applied to the evidence which has been adduced by the parties, and in my appreciation of the position there is only one question to be answered, namely, was a promise to marry ever made by the defendant?

It is clear from the evidence that an illicit relationship existed between the plaintiff and defendant between the months of July and September, 1940, but intimacy between a man and his mistress (as the plaintiff undoubtedly was) is no evidence at all from which the court would be entitled to draw the conclusion that the relationship of engaged persons existed.

What, therefore, is the evidence of the actual promise itself? According to the plaintiff, the defendant having made violent love to her in her bedroom late one night remarked "I love you very much and if you have no objection I shall marry you." To which she replied to the effect that she did not trust him as she did not believe he would marry a mere dancing girl. Then, apparently,

the defendant pulled her into an adjoining room where he asked a Mr. Yim Pong whether he (the plaintiff) had a wife. On being answered in the negative, the defendant and his concubine returned to the bedroom where the following conversation is alleged to have taken place. Defendant: "Now, do you trust me?" Plaintiff: "Yes." Defendant: "I want to marry you." Plaintiff: "When will the wedding take place?" Defendant: "I must consult my brother before I can decide on the date." To this the plaintiff agreed. It appears that they slept together that night, but according to the plaintiff no intimacy took place; nor did anything improper take place on subsequent nights (according to her) until about 10 days later when she alleges the defendant told her "Make your mind easy. I will certainly marry you."

"HAVE I A WIFE?"

Mr. Yim Pong who was called by the plaintiff has stated that when the defendant brought the girl to his room he said inter alia "Have I a wife?" to which the witness replied "No." The defendant then said "I want to marry this girl. Can you verify I have no wife." Witness thereupon told the plaintiff, "He (meaning defendant) is a good boy and you should not hesitate in marrying him." It was stated that Yim Pong's wife was present and presumably heard this conversation but she has not been called as a witness.

The defendant strenuously denies that he ever mentioned the word marriage and insists that his relations with the plaintiff were those of a man with an "amateur prostitute" whatever that expression may mean. He declares that he paid for his pleasure and that he knew nothing of the allegation of a promise to marry until he received a letter from her solicitor in February 1941.

TRUTH FROM FICTION

It is always difficult in cases of this nature to separate truth from fiction for more often than not the case devolves itself into a question of word against word. There are, however, certain inferences which it is permissible to draw from the conduct of a woman to the advances of a man, more especially when he happens to be a comparative stranger, and I feel constrained to say that the plaintiff in asking me to believe that a woman would allow a strange man to sleep with her for many nights on end without permitting intimacy on a *quid pro quo* basis, has credited me with a lack of intelligence and knowledge of the world, which I can assure her is not justified.

I have had ample opportunity to judge her demeanour and that of her witness, in court, and in the result, I have no hesitation in saying that I do not believe either of them on the main question involved, namely, whether a promise to marry within a reasonable time was ever made.

After making the remarks as stated above his Lordship dismissed the plaintiff's claim and gave judgment for defendant with costs.

HEALTH BULLETIN

The following is the Returns of notifiable diseases notified as having occurred in the Colony during the 24 hours ended at midnight on May 14:—Cholera, six cases; Diphtheria, one case; Dysentery, four cases; Enteric Fever, four cases; Measles, one case; Tuberculosis, 27 cases.

EASTERN PORTS

The Health Bulletin of Eastern Ports for the week ending on May 15 is as follows:—Cholera, Macao, 16 cases; Small-Pox, Macao, one case; Shanghai, seven cases.

ROUND THE POLICE COURTS

AT CENTRAL

BURGLAR CONVICTED

A man wearing three jackets and three pairs of trousers at Fleming Road aroused the suspicion of a detective, who arrested him.

Before Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K. C. yesterday, the man, Ching Hong, 32, unemployed of No. 43, Spring Garden Lane, second floor, was charged with larceny in a dwelling at No. 64, Lockhart Road, ground floor, of a leather suitcase containing 16 pieces of clothing and a tael of Ginseng to the value of \$60, the property of Man Kan-ping, painter.

Defendant, who had a previous conviction, admitted the offence and was sentenced to two months' imprisonment.

Det.-Sgt. V. M. Morrison prosecuted.

TRAFFIC SUMMONSES

Mrs. S. M. Mackinlay, was summoned before Mr. Sheldon, K. C. yesterday for driving car No. 1445 on a stretch of road closed to motor traffic in Peak Road without having first obtained permission in writing from the Commissioner of Police on May 3 at 6.45 p.m.

Mr. W. A. Mackinlay appeared in Court and pleaded guilty on behalf of his wife.

Because of her good driving record, Mr. Sheldon discharged defendant with a caution.

Traffic Sgt. J. Hunter prosecuted. Pleading guilty through a representative, Mrs. K. T. Luke, of No. 97, Hill Road, third floor, was also cautioned on a summons charged with failing to stop car No. 3139 as near as possible to the near side of the road at Queen's Road Central, near the China Emporium, at 5.15 p.m. on May 4, when setting down passengers.

Traffic Sgt. W. Sullivan was in charge of this case.

ABDUCTION CHARGE

Hearing of the abduction charge against Chan Yau, 52, widow, of no fixed abode, was fixed for 11.30 a.m. on Wednesday by Mr. G. T. Lowry yesterday.

It was alleged that defendant unlawfully took a 15-year-old unmarried girl out of the possession and against the will of her mother on May 10.

Det.-Sgt. J. R. Sykes is prosecuting.

GIRL ASSAULTED

A 38-year-old widow, Fo Nui, of No. 14, Ewo Street, was fined \$50 by Mr. Sheldon yesterday on two charges of assaulting a 10-year-old unregistered ward, Chau Sai-ha, girl, on May 15 and failing to report the possession of her.

Ho was defended by Mr. D. McCallum, who pleaded not guilty. Insp. H. W. Fraser, of the S. C. A., said that the girl was found wandering in the street and eventually taken by a constable to the Police Station, where bruises were found on her body.

According to the girl, she was beaten by her mistress, who was later brought to the S. C. A. for questioning. When she was charged with the offence, she stated that she punished the girl because she refused to do some work.

Defendant was fined \$50 on the first charge and \$10 on the second.

HEARING FIXED

Further hearing of the case in which Wan Chi-wong, 31, and Li Ping, 37, both described as brokers, are charged with attempted theft of 19.7 piculs of wolfram ore, valued at \$3,000, by means of a trick from Hui Shing, accountant of Tung Shing Loong Firm, Cheung Chau Island, and with conspiracy, with others unknown, to defraud Hui of \$13,600 Chinese currency, was fixed for June 6 by Mr. Lowry yesterday, after further evidence was taken.

Mr. C. A. Sutherland Russ appeared for the prosecution and Det.-Sgt. T. Cashman was for the Police. First defendant was represented by Mr. J. M. D'Almeida Remedios and second by Mr. P. C. Woo.

POSSESSION OF TREEWOOD

Charged with possession of 9,125 catties of treewood, valued at \$182.50, on board his junk in Shaokwan Harbour on May 6 for the purpose of sale without first having obtained a licence from the Controller of Stores, Li Shui, 39, master of junk No. 1049P, was fined \$5 by Major A. N. Macfarlane yesterday.

Sgt. W. L. Kinloch prosecuted.

AT KOWLOON

LARCENY BY FINDING

Mrs. L. La Fleur, of Bay View, Ngachuan, appeared as complainant before Mr. D. J. N. Anderson yesterday when Chun Po, 32 stall assistant, was charged with larceny by finding.

Accused was fined \$10 or seven days' hard labour.

Det.-Sgt. C. Dowman prosecuted.

ROBBED RELATIVE

For stealing \$800 from his relative, an 18-year-old youth, Chan Hing, was sentenced to three months' hard labour by Mr. Anderson yesterday.

Sgt. B. Ross said that accused, and complainant, Wong Shui, a woman, were relatives and the former used to visit the woman at 1050, Canton Road.

About 6 p.m. on May 14 complainant discovered that she had lost \$800 which was placed in a safe wrapped up with a jacket.

Accused, was arrested and he admitted that he had stolen the money. He had loaned \$139 to a friend and spent some money in treating friends to meals and car rides to the New Territories. Of the money only \$334.69 was recovered.

EUROPEAN FINED

E. J. Clegg, of the Government Audit Department, was summoned before Mr. H. C. Macnamara yesterday for driving at an excessive speed, 30 m.p.h., in Tai Po Road on April 22.

Accused pleading guilty to the summons, was fined \$15.

Fine of \$40 was imposed on Tong Man-chuen, of Nga Tsin Long Road, for a similar offence.

Sgt. Clarke testified that accused drove along Argyle Street at 50 m.p.h. and was stopped near the Kowloon Hospital, about 11.45 a.m. on April 23.

JUNK MASTER CHARGED

Alleged to have staged a false robbery in order to steal cargo entrusted to them, Kwok Chuen-lee, alias Kwok Tin-chol 38, master of trading junk No. T1881H, and Chan Fuk, foki of the junk, were charged before Mr. Anderson with larceny by bailie of a quantity of goods.

Mr. M. A. da Silva, assisted by Det.-Sgt. T. Matches, appeared for the prosecution, while Mr. C. A. Sutherland Russ represented defendants.

Mr. Silva said that this was an ordinary case in which junk masters were entrusted with cargo, to be transported to Chinese territories but returned to the Colony, after having sold the cargo, saying that it had been taken by robbers. The junk set sail on March 19. Before her departure, Mr. Silva alleged, the master had an arrangement with another junk to rob him of the cargo.

Giving evidence, Cheng Kit-sang, cargo owner, said that on Mar. 24 he was informed that the junk in question was moored at Chuen Mun, Castle Peak. With Ng Chi tak, another cargo owner, he went there and found the junk being repainted.

A report was made to the Police and defendants were arrested.

Cross-examined by Mr. Russ, witness said that he had never spoken to or known accused.

Further hearing was adjourned to May 20.

DEMANDING WITH MENACES

Convicted of demanding "protection fee" from a junk master with menaces, Tam Mui, 28, was sentenced to 10 weeks' hard labour by Mr. Anderson yesterday.

Det.-Sgt. A. Bethell prosecuted.

MARINE COURT

Fines of \$15, in default 14 days' imprisonment were imposed by the Marine Magistrate, Lt.-Cmdr. J. Jolly, R. N. R., yesterday on nine junk masters charged with having anchored their boats in Tytan Bay, a prohibited area.

LOCAL ESTATE

Local estate sworn under \$78,300 had been left by the late Mr. Look (or Luk, or Lok) Poong (or Poon, or Pung, or Pung) Shan (or San), retired banker, who died on Sept. 7, 1940, at No. 102 Calne Road at the age of 62 years. A petition for probate of the will has been granted to Chan Lan-sang, widow.

while defendant was represented by Mr. M. A. da Silva.

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VERDICT OF MURDER

DEATH INQUIRY ON AGED WOMAN

An inquest into the death of a 60-year-old woman, Liu Muk, who was found bound and gagged in an unnumbered hut in Ngau Au Village, Old Kowloon Tong, was heard before Mr. H. C. Macnamara at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court yesterday.

The jury comprised Messrs. D. Xavier (Foreman), Kwok Yik-yau and A. E. Coates, while Det.-Sgt. D. G. MacPherson represented the Police.

Giving evidence, Wong Fat, son-in-law of the deceased, said that he, his wife, a younger brother and the deceased lived in the hut. On Feb. 1, he and his wife went to Kowloon City leaving his mother-in-law and the younger brother there.

They returned to the hut about 6.10 p.m. and found the door smashed. Entering the hut they found all the things and furniture in a disorderly manner and the deceased dead under the mess. She was bound by a rope and gagged.

BROTHER UNCONSCIOUS

His younger brother, Wong Kong, was found unconscious in another cubicle. Property missing from the hut amounted to \$70 Hongkong currency, \$320 Chinese currency, a pair of gold earring and a gold ring.

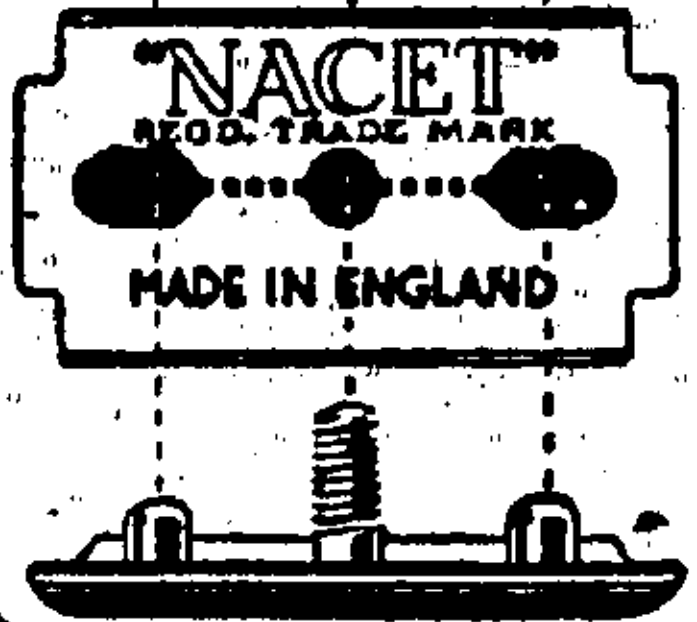
Wong Kong said that he was working in the field on the day in question when he heard a dog barking from the hut. He immediately rushed back. On reaching the door he was seized by two men and pushed into the hut. He saw deceased held by another man who bound and gagged her. The youth was also tied up and gagged and thrown into the cubicle where he fainted.

Dr. H. H. Tai, of the Kowloon Hospital, testified that the cause of death was concussion and suffocation.

After evidence the jury returned a verdict of murder by person or persons unknown.

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Similarly all firms, hongs, companies and individuals who import foodstuffs (including liquids) directly to Hong Kong from the United Kingdom who did not register at this office in accordance with Government Notification 282 of 7th March, 1941, should do so on or before 21st May, 1941.

Importers are warned that no licence to import foodstuffs from the United Kingdom will be granted to firms, hongs, companies or individuals who have failed to register with this office by 21st May, 1941, in accordance with this or previous notifications.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

The Seventy-second Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on Wednesday, the 21st May, 1941, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1940.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 7th May to the 21st May, 1941, both days inclusive.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

The Seventeenth Annual General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Company's Office at the Jordan Road Ferry Pier, Kowloon, on Saturday, the 17th May, 1941 at 11.00 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the report of the Board of Directors together with a statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1940.

The transfer books of the Company will be closed from the 7th to 17th May, 1941, both days inclusive.

LAU TAK PO,
Managing Director.

Hong Kong, 1st May, 1941.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

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Numbered 75035 to 75044

upon statement that the original certificates

No. 2409 dated the 12th May, 1937

No. 7366 dated the 6th July, 1938 and

No. 7528 dated the 9th December, 1938

respectively have been lost or mislaid: and Notice is hereby given that, if within thirty days from the date hereof no claim or representation in respect of such original certificate is made to the Company, the Company will then proceed to deal with such application.

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Hongkong, 14th May, 1941.

INTERESTING
CENSUS
REVELATION

The Director of Air Raid Precautions, Wing-Comdr. A. H. S. Steele-Perkins, O.B.E., is to be congratulated on the very interesting Report on Census of the Colony of Hongkong just issued by his department.

Dealing with the question of overcrowding, from both the A.R.P. and sanitary and health points of view, the report of one of the wardens engaged on the work of census-taking had this to say:—
"In Western Division, the overcrowded and congested conditions under which the people lived was very noticeable. To find as many as forty to fifty people in one flat was no rare occurrence, and these flats mainly consist of a floor subdivided by wooden partitions into a series of cubicles. Thus each flat is a mass of inflammable material, and must present a very serious fire-hazard, and at the same time form a positive danger during epidemics from a sanitary and health point of view."

235,173 CHILDREN

Out of an estimated total population of 1,444,337 there were 235,173 children between the ages of one and nine, and only 35,516 persons over 60 years of age. A greater proportion, in relation to the respective total populations, of these two age groups were to be found in Kowloon, Hongkong having only 123,077 children under nine and 19,036 persons over 60 out of a total of 709,294 against Kowloon's 112,096, 16,480 and 581,043 respectively.

The "water" population was estimated at 154,000, according to figures supplied to the A.R.P. by the Harbour Master.

NEWSETTES

Rev. Brother Cassian, Pro-Director of La Salle College, spoke on "Lighter Shades in Education" to the La Salle Old Boys' Association at the College Science Lecture Room last night.

His Excellency the Governor will give a small dinner party at Government House on Tuesday, May 20, at 8.30 p.m. in honour of Mr. Nelson T. Johnson and Mr. Clarence E. Gauss.

His Excellency the Governor will be present at a Gymkhana to be given by the Hongkong Polo Club on Saturday, May 24, at 3 p.m. at Whitefield Barracks in aid of the B. W. O. F.

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CAN THE LEOPARD
CHANGE HIS SPOTS?

THE WHOLE WORLD is trying to discover what are the actual motives behind the dramatic flight of Herr Rudolf Hess from Nazi Germany and the meaning of his insistence on seeing the Duke of Hamilton immediately after his landing on Scottish soil. It is true that his request was granted, but, in the absence of information of what exactly took place at the interview, which was held in the presence of British Government officials, speculation has run riot and various suggestions have been put forward to account for this most startling incident in the present war. Many of these border on the fantastic, a few of them offer ideas that are worthy of careful investigation by the British Government. To any member of the Allied Forces who was in Germany after World War No. 1, especially in Berlin, the whole escapade savours of the old game which, in those days was played on the unsuspecting British with considerable success.

WHAT HAPPENED at that time was that, in the autumn of 1919, General von der Goltz, who was in command of the German troops in the Baltic area, raised a hue and cry against what he described as those "very dangerous people the Bolsheviks" and invited Britain to come in with the Germans for setting up a common front against Bolshevism. The German scheme, however, did not work out as General Goltz and his associates hoped, in spite of the fact that propaganda galore was put about by the Germans in an effort to convince Britain that the Bolsheviks would overrun Europe and then extend their influence even to England, etc., etc. The whole plan was eventually traced to a good old "junker" scheme—the "junkers" being the landed-proprietor-cum-military class who have ruled Germany with a rod of iron for centuries. They were particularly prominent in Silesia and were regarded as nothing more or less than war profiteers or "scheebas," as they were wont to call the Jews.

HERR RUDOLF HESS, with Field-Marshal Goering, represent the extreme right of the Nazi Party and appears to be in the pocket of the "junkers," even if they do not belong to that class themselves. The inference to be drawn from this is seen that on landing in Britain, Herr Hess did not ask to see the Prime Minister, or Mr. Anthony Eden, or even Mr. Ernest Bevin, but, following the habits of "junkers," asked to be immediately taken to see the Duke of Hamilton, with whom he claimed a flimsy acquaintance as a result of meeting Britain's sporting peer at the Olympic Games in Berlin in 1926. The "junkers" evidently realise that Herr Hitler has now decided to come to a full economic, political and military alliance with Soviet Russia. This is the very last

CORRESPONDENCE

EMPIRE-WIDE
FLAG DAY

[The Editor, H.K. Daily Press]
Sir.—A letter has been received from Field Marshal Sir Philip Chetwode, Chairman of the Executive Committee, Red Cross & St. John War Organisation, asking our co-operation in promoting an Empire-wide Flag Day. At a meeting convened by H.R.H. the Duke of Gloucester at St. James's Palace, the date of this Flag Day was fixed for Thursday, June 5, 1941.

We in Hongkong have so far refrained from a Flag Day in deference to the many local calls, but the Committee at Home feels that a Flag Day, held on the same date in every part of the Empire would be an inspiring proof of our unity of purpose.

Very heavy calls are now being made on the Red Cross resources for the help of victims of air-raids, for service in sending food and clothing to Prisoners of War in German internment camps, for help in the campaigns in North Africa, and the Middle East, furthermore the Ministry of Health has asked the War Organisation to organise and staff 400 auxiliary and convalescent hospitals in Britain, with accommodation for 20,000 patients.

In the course of his address, broadcast in January of this year, Sir Philip Chetwode stated that the one object of Red Cross work is to supply help immediately to the sick and wounded, the prisoners and the miserable, whether Service or civilian, and that for all places at home hard hit by this war on civilians, the Organisation was able to find at the shortest notice extra nurses, material for blood-transfusion, necessary serums of all sorts, drugs, hospital garments and comforts, money, transport and ambulances.

We are confident that the public will give generously to make outstanding our Colony's contribution to the Empire Flag Day, June 5.

Yours very truly,

K. H. EDMONDSTON,
Chairman, Empire-wide
Committee.
B.W.O.F.

ANSWERS TO
CORRESPONDENTS

Three Disgusted Listeners: Your letter must be signed.—Ed., H.K. D.P.

WOMAN INJURED

Chen Ying-luen, 18, woman, of No. 675, Shanghai Street, was removed to Kowloon Hospital on Thursday evening, after having been picked up in Ping Street suffering multiple injuries to the head and body. It is believed she must have leapt from the roof of a tenement house.

thing they want to see happen as it will certainly result in the ousting of the landed-proprietor in Germany as it did in the Russian Revolution. Herr Hess was, therefore, sent over to see what he could do to enlist the support of Britain by influencing the British Government to come to an agreement with Germany to counter Bolshevism.

WHAT the "junkers" in Nazi Germany particularly do not want is an alliance with Soviet Russia. And why not? The "junkers" are a large and wealthy class of landed-proprietors whose main occupation consists of growing food and all the necessities of life, and often own estates of 10,000 acres of arable land. Herr Hitler being a "house painter" himself, is hardly regarded as belonging to the "junker" class and, in his tendency to link Germany with the U.S.S.R., the "junkers" have begun to see the writing on the wall. They realise that if the U.S.S.R. joins Germany, vast tracts of land will be cut up even to the proverbial three acres and a cow. There may be other reasons for Herr Hess's dropping out of the blue in Scotland. Anyway, this guess is as good as any other we have heard.

DEALER IN OLD
BOTTLES FINEDObtained Licence For
Export On False
Information

Lai Wing, managing partner of the Yiu Yuen Firm (dealers in old bottles), No. 47, Tai Yuen Street, was summoned before Mr. G. T. Lowry yesterday with giving false information to the Controller of Trade in applying for an export licence.

The charge against defendant accused him of furnishing information to the office of the Controller of Trade on April 16 that a licence was required to export 19 piculs of new glass bottles, whereas he knew such information to be false, since some of the bottles that he attempted to export were second hand ones.

Mr. D. Brittain Evans, assisted by Revenue Officer W. V. Ahern, conducted the prosecution, while defendant was represented by Mr. C. Y. Kwan, who pleaded not guilty.

GOODS SEIZED

The case for the prosecution was that on April 16, defendant applied for an export licence for bottles which he described as new.

On April 22 some goods for export to Macao were seized at the Tung On Wharf and were found to consist partly of old bottles.

The man in charge of the cargo took the revenue officers to the said firm, where defendant was located. He acknowledged that the signature and chop on the export permit were his.

Defendant testified that he had dealt in old bottles for the last 10 years and his firm was a well-known one in Hongkong.

"KAT TSUN" BOTTLES
On April 16 he consulted a Mr. Chan Wah-mee, whom he described as an "export" licence application agent, because he (defendant) did not know English, and instructed him to make out an application for a permit to export "kat tsun," meaning empty bottles.

Defendant added that he never used the words "kat tsun" (which mean new bottles), and therefore, said Mr. Chan must have misunderstood him.

In imposing a fine of \$100 or two months' hard labour on defendant, Mr. Lowry said that defendant was not telling the truth right from the beginning.

CHINESE
WARTIME BONDS
CAMPAIGN

Over One Lakh Pledged
At Meeting Of Public
Bodies Yesterday

As much as \$150,000 (Chinese currency) subscriptions to the N.C. \$1,200,000,000 Chinese Military Supply Bonds, were pledged by individuals and organisations yesterday when representatives of more than 300 local public bodies met at the Chinese Merchants Club, China Building, to discuss measures for boosting the sale of the bonds in Hongkong.

Mr. Cheng Tien-ju, Manager of the Hongkong branch of the Bank of China, acted as Chairman on behalf of Sir Shouson Chow, who is Chairman of the Hongkong Chinese War-time Bonds Committee. Mr. Li Sing-kul, prominent Chinese merchant here, gave the opening speech, in which he exhorted his audience each to do his part in pushing the sale of the Bonds in order to support China's cause. Mr. Huang Yen-yel, Secretary-General of the War-time Bonds Committee in Chungking, also spoke.

FREE SUBSCRIPTIONS

Free subscriptions were made by those present and \$150,000 was pledged in only a few minutes. Mr. Lam Pui-sung, subscribed to \$20,000 worth of the Bonds, Mr. Fung Fuk-tien, \$10,000 and Mr. Luk Oi-wan, \$5,000. The China Products Manufacturing and Marketing Association and the Hongkong-Kowloon Educational Federation, each subscribed to \$50,000 worth of the Bonds, the Chinese Manufacturers Union, \$10,000 and the Sun Sun Hotel, \$5,000.

Chinese Christian leaders in Hongkong are planning to launch a campaign for subscribing to \$1,000,000 worth of the Bonds. At a meeting yesterday, they decided to start the campaign on June 1 and end it on August 31. Making a good start, more than \$200,000 worth of subscriptions were pledged during the meeting.—(Central)

THE WAR ON LAND:
MILITARY CORRESPONDENT
DISCUSSES STRATEGICAL
SITUATION IN LIBYA

Expressing himself as certain that Germany would not undertake a campaign against Russia unless her economic plight becomes desperate, CAPT. CYRIL FALLS, military correspondent of THE TIMES, discussed the strategic situation in North Africa when he reviewed the war on land in a broadcast from London yesterday.

"Since the campaign in Greece came to an end and the Imperial Expeditionary Force was withdrawn, there has been a lull," said Capt. Falls. "That was to be expected."

"Italian shipping is lying in harbours, except for those lying at the bottom of the ocean. It has no longer to assist in carrying out their campaign in Albania and the enemy can take any risks with Italian ships."

"I think it follows, therefore, that the enemy will be able to put more tanks into Libya than we could put into Egypt, so we might have greater difficulties about maintenance. He would be better off as regards tanks."

"There is nothing at all that our land forces can do to interrupt these supplies going to Libya, but I don't doubt that some of our destroyers and submarines are watching this. There is also no doubt that the enemy managed to get a good deal across to North Africa while the Greek campaign was going on."

"It may be an ultimatum to Russia to join the Axis as a full member or even a campaign to seize the Ukraine. I cannot deal with all these alternatives, except to say that coercion or an invasion of Russia by Germany would be a considerable and dangerous experiment of an attempt to reach a decision against Great Britain. I hardly think it will be tried—in fact, I am certain it won't be tried unless Germany's economic plight is desperate."

STRATEGY IN LIBYA
"What I am going to talk about chiefly today is the situation in Libya. In such a campaign there are questions of strategical communications and tactical communications. Let us deal with strategical communications first."

"Egypt is an important point on the world's communications. Produce can reach it swiftly from Australia, New Zealand, South Africa and India. Their wheat and flour, butter and vegetables and fruit go there, as well as products from Palestine and the whole of Egypt purchases many things of value. Oil too is available, but the main materials of war, such as tanks and a large proportion of troops come there from the United Kingdom, while munitions from the United States are likely to reach Egypt in every increasing quantities."

"The route through the Mediterranean is, of course, the shortest, but the most dangerous and that round the Cape is very long. Indeed, by comparison, the German route through Tripoli is short. Actually their sea-route is nearer and their land route longer, but before Germany started this campaign she took over the Italian railways and built up big bases in Southern Italy and in Sicily."

SHIPPING RISKS
"It is obvious that the short sea route requires much less ships, but

SUMMARY COURT
ACTIONPLAINTIFF AWARDED
JUDGMENT

Judgment for plaintiff was given by Mr. Justice E. H. Williams at the Summary Court yesterday in the dispute for the return of books between two wine merchants when hearing of the case was concluded.

The action was brought by Wong Kam, alias Wong Pun-yuen, of No. 149 Hennessy Road, ground floor, against Fung Cha, alias Fung Sum-yuen, of No. 41 Queen's Road Central, second floor, for the return of five books which the defendant was alleged to have detained.

Plaintiff was represented by Mr. W. M. Brown while Mr. H. A. de Barros Botelho was for the defendant. The defence was that defendant was a partner in the firm and was entitled to keep the books but plaintiff reiterated that no partnership was ever issued to defendant.

that is not the only point to bear in mind about shipping. Our shipping is fully employed. It is sailing on every ocean of the world and it has always been subjected to risks and we don't want to add to those risks.

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"There is nothing at all that our land forces can do to interrupt these supplies going to Libya, but I don't doubt that some of our destroyers and submarines are watching this. There is also no doubt that the enemy managed to get a good deal across to North Africa while the Greek campaign was going on."

MAIN SECRET

"But the end of the Greek campaign does not bring to an end the operations of the Mediterranean Navy. It does mean that this navy's hands are now clearer and that the R.A.F. can send more bombers to attack the enemy. Both have already been at work. It was good news to hear of a big munitions ship being blown to pieces recently here."

"These are what we want to get at above all. The enemy have probably enough tanks and men in North Africa to go on with, but if we can interrupt his passage of munitions we need have no fear of their ground defences, because that alone will not suffice."

"That is the main secret of the campaign in North Africa—to do so damage the enemy's strategical communications so as to keep him from defending himself properly. It seems that he is actually sending water by aircraft."

"I never there was a sign of trouble, that shows it. I would like to know what the daily water ration is per head in the German and Italian bases in North Africa at the moment. I think it will be very small indeed and we must remember that the heat there is now smouldering."

"As to washing, if their troops are near the sea, they will, of course, be all right, otherwise there will not be much washing done. I am sure."

TACTICAL COMMUNICATIONS

"And now a word about interference with tactical communications," continued Capt. Falls. "Here the R.A.F. has a big part to play in bombing and machine-gunning enemy transports, but the army itself also goes into the picture. Raids by tanks and armoured vehicles and bombardments by artillery and the shelling of the enemy's petrol dumps are vital."

"Then, of course, there is Tobruk. Lying on the flank of his communications, it constitutes a constant threat to the enemy. If we can hold this and menace him effectively, it will not matter if the enemy has more tanks in North Africa than we have. It is the tank on the battle-field and not the tank in the country that counts."

INTERNATIONAL TIN
COMMITTEE

LONDON, May 16 (Reuter).—The International Tin Committee has not issued any communique after its meeting yesterday, but it is understood that a drafted agreement covering the proposed next restriction period beginning Jan. 1, 1942, is for presentation to signatory Governments.

Space for standard tonnages in the draft has been left blank as the Governments have not yet decided about the matter of tonnages which the Committee recommended some weeks ago.

INDUSTRIAL FRONT:

MINERS ATTACK COAL
FACE LIKE THEY ARE
ATTACKING BERLIN

"They attack the coal face as if they were attacking Berlin knowing all the time that every ton of coal counts and without this effort underground the war could not be won," said MR. WILLIAM HOLT, speaking on the broadcast from Britain.

Nowhere, he said, did there exist such comradeship between men in this great underground offensive as different to the sandbags and the artificial black-out.

Mr. Holt said that one had to go outside of a town to get to the real mining community. In the fields of the open country are the pitheads, some half hidden by the folds of the hills. The biggest buildings are the miners' cottages and the whole village community is dependent on the work of the men underground.

SURLY LOOK

Describing an individual miner, Mr. Holt said that he was six feet tall in his stocking feet and had a surly look. His face had an old cut from eye to chin which had required 16 stitches. There were traces of a number of other bruises on his body.

He takes cold tea in his bottle or barley water and drinks five pints in a shift. His son is in the army, as tall as he is, and is 13 stone. He tells of his brother, who has football feet, and can set a net on fire with the ball.

S.W. MONSOON
DELAYED

SIMLA, May 16 (Reuter)—A south-west monsoon appears to be delayed by two or three weeks. It usually breaks in at Travancore towards the end of May, but this year it is expected to start about mid-June.

STABBING
INCIDENT

Alleged to have been stabbed by a fellow employee of the Lido Dance Hall, Des Voeux Road Central, Yeung Ping-yau was admitted to the Queen Mary Hospital last night. His condition was described as satisfactory.

About 8.30 p.m. cries were heard coming from the direction of the kitchen of the dance hall and it was found that two of the employees were involved in a fight.

It was alleged that they had a quarrel and Ho Yiu, the other man involved, took up a knife and, it is alleged, stabbed Yeung.

FAROUK RECEIVES
ROOSEVELT'S SON

LONDON, May 16 (Reuter)—Capt. James Roosevelt, the United States President's eldest son, was received by King Farouk of Egypt on Capt. Roosevelt's return from Crete.

Capt. Roosevelt handed the King a signed letter from the President, says a Cairo dispatch to the Independent French News Agency.

Capt. Roosevelt has now taken up his duties as United States air observer with the R.A.F. in the Middle East.

EMERGENCY
COMMISSIONS
IN ARMY

SIMLA, May 16 (Reuter)—The Khalsa Defence of the India League, has decided to send a deputation to the Governor of Punjab to urge the need for the increase in the number of emergency commissions in the army given to Sikhs.

Under the auspices of the league, a training centre is starting at Gujranwalla to train Sikhs for army commissions in addition to the existing centres at Patiala and Amritsar.

NASTY FALL

Mr. Herman Laigar, an American, met with a nasty accident at the Kowloon Wharf on Thursday when he is reported to have fallen from a height of 35 feet and struck his head on the railway lines on the wharf.

He was removed to the Kowloon Hospital, and it was reported yesterday that he was "not doing too well."

INDIA'S PRODUCTS

SIMLA, May 16 (Reuter)—The Export Advisory Council has concluded its meeting today.

The council has considered the possibilities of finding outlets for India's products in the South African market.

Japan Given Plenty
To Think About

WASHINGTON, May 16 (Reuter)—It is felt here that Japan has been given plenty to think about by the two things that occurred on Wednesday—the flight of the 21 flying fortresses to Hawaii and Mr. Eden's crisp statement of what Britain expects from Japan in China.

Concerning the latter the WASHINGTON STAR says that Mr. Eden's blunt warning comes as a heartening indication that the policy of PARALLEL ACTION BY BRITAIN AND AMERICA IN THE FAR EAST WILL BE VIGOROUSLY MAINTAINED.

The mass flight to Hawaii is regarded as an indication that America is producing in quantity the most effective form of aircraft yet devised in a long range-bomber and that her Pacific defence is being kept up in strength and date despite the heavy shipments to Britain.

That some in Japan are thinking seriously about the future is seen by the HOCHI editorial, reported here, in which this pro-Axis organ said that any advocacy of Japan entering the war to help Germany, irrespective of consequences to herself, looked like the work of "German fifth columns" which is regarded here as a fair indication of the case.

Further comment by the same paper appears to show that some people in Japan are beginning to realise that whatever territory in the Pacific Japan is able to grab at present, IT WOULD NOT NECESSARILY REMAIN HERS IN THE EVENT OF A GERMAN VICTORY.

"ROUTINE AFFAIRS"
An official spokesman in Shanghai insisted that the latest meeting between Mr. Matsuo and Sir Robert Craigie and Mr. Joseph Grew, British and American Ambassadors, is concerned only with "routine affairs."

He asserted that Mr. Matsuo's interview with the German Ambassador, Major-General Eugen Ott,

RECORD SHAI
REMITTANCE

SHANGHAI, May 16 (Reuter)—The record amount of £20,000 was remitted today to the London treasury by the Voluntary War Contribution Fund, bringing the total sum remitted to London since the inauguration 10 months ago to £157,000.

Ten thousand sterling have been the usual monthly remittance until last month when £15,000 were remitted owing to the unusual flow of subscriptions.

This figure was surpassed this month thanks mainly to several large donations.

FIRST ORDER

SYDNEY, May 16 (Reuter)—The Minister of Supply, Senator McBride, announced that the placement of the first order under the Government Shipping Construction Scheme was made today.

The vessel will be a 9,000-ton merchantman.

ERNEST BEVIN CHARY OF
TOTALITARIAN GENTLEMEN

LONDON, May 16 (Reuter)—The Minister of Labour, Mr. Ernest Bevin, speaking in London yesterday, said: "From my point of view Hess is a murderer. You can understand my feeling about Hess when I tell you he was the man who collected every index card of every trade union leader in Germany and social democrats, and when the time came, they were either sent to concentration camps or murdered."

"I do not believe that Hitler did not know that Hess was coming to England. For a good many years I have had to deal with these totalitarian gentlemen and Communists and I have seen this kind of stunt over and over again. I am not going to be deceived by any of them. Hess is no man I would ever negotiate with."

DUKE SEES HESS

The Duke of Hamilton saw Herr Rudolf Hess within 48 hours of his parachute descent in Scotland. It was revealed yesterday.

The Duke was on duty at an R.A.F. aerodrome when on official instruction he flew to Glasgow and met Hess in the presence of representatives of both the Intelligence Service and Foreign Office. After that the Duke returned to his duties.

Herr Hess is stated to be in an isolated room with an officer in attendance and guards nearby. His condition is said to be improving rapidly.

PLANE ON SHOW

Another London message states that Rudolf Hess' plane is to be shown in Trafalgar Square as part of London's "War Weapons Week," during which it is hoped

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U.S. Medical
CommitteeTO STUDY BRITISH
HEALTH PUZZLE

LONDON, May 16 (British Wire)—The United States are sending to Britain a committee of American medical men to try and find out why people have come through the winter's ordeals with better health than in years of peace.

Medical men generally are completely baffled by the nation's fitness. They feared that after nights of crowding in air raid shelters and exposure to all weathers on A.R.P. and fire watching, epidemics might sweep the country.

In fact, there have been fewer cases of scarlet fever, diphtheria, pneumonia and typhoid fever and only half the number of deaths from influenza. Whooping cough and meningitis have alone been rather more prevalent than usual.

VARIED EXPLANATIONS

Britain's own doctors offer various explanations, among them the dispersal of densely populated areas, the improved system of health supervision, the spread of education in preventive measures, and fewer people at cinemas and in other public places.

All, however, are agreed that the busy, hazardous life led by 45,000,000 people leaves them neither time nor inclination to brood over minor ailments.

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BRITAIN'S URGENT
REQUIREMENTS

NEW YORK, May 16 (Reuter)—The United States Under-Secretary for Navy, James V. Forrestal, has given President Roosevelt a list of Britain's most urgent requirements in war materials, declares the Washington correspondent of the New York Times.

Mr. Forrestal, who was recently in London, lunched with the President on Wednesday. It is understood that he told Mr. Roosevelt that Britain particularly needs the heavy bombers and heavier tanks and ships.

THREE INJURED
IN COLLAPSE

Three men sitting on the first floor verandah of No. 250 Connaught Road West were seriously injured when the two upper floors collapsed on them about 4.50 p.m. yesterday.

The third floor, which was occupied by a Chinese shipping firm, had stored on its verandah 100 tins of preserved sweets, each weighing about 30 catties, and this is believed to have caused the collapse as the house was of the old type.

CATHOLIC NEWS & NOTES

ASCENSION DAY: IVONE KIRKPATRICK: MEN IN THE WARS: POLISH PRIESTS

Next Thursday is the Feast of the Ascension, which comes forty days after Easter, since Christ remained forty days on earth after the Resurrection. The feast has been continually celebrated since the fourth century, and, according to St. Augustine, is of apostolic origin. It is a Holiday of Obligation, a public holiday in Catholic countries, and one of the major feasts of the year. After the gospel of the chief Mass of this day the paschal candle, which has been lit at Mass since Easter, is extinguished.

The traditional site of the Ascension is on Mount Olivet. A basilica was built there in the early centuries of Christianity, and it was destroyed and rebuilt several times until finally it was destroyed by the Mohammedans, leaving only a small part standing. This part is preserved and is now used as an oratory.

The three days preceding the feast of the Ascension are "Rogation Days." These are days of petition (the root of the word is the "interrogation") when special prayers are asked for spiritual favours, the remission of sin, and temporal ones, a good harvest.

The days were originally assigned for prayer in the fifth century when disease was destroying the flocks around Vienne, in Dauphine, France. The Litany of the Saints and other prayers are recited in all the churches on these days.

IVONE KIRKPATRICK
Mr. Ivone Kirkpatrick, whose task of questioning Rudolf Hess was one of the strangest assignments of the war, is a Catholic member of the diplomatic service and was attached to the British mission from Great Britain to the coronation of Pope Pius XII. He is an old student of Downside and was a Captain in the Innskillen Fusiliers in the last war.

He entered the diplomatic service after the war and was Charge d'Affairs at the Legation to the Holy See, head of the Central Department of the Foreign Office, and First Secretary of the British Embassy in Berlin in the years immediately preceding the war. He was Mr. Chamberlain's interpreter at Berchtesgaden in his conversations with Hitler.

Last year he was head of the foreign publicity division of the Ministry of Information, but on resigning from the position was given the new post of adviser on foreign affairs to the B.B.C. Mr. Kirkpatrick is the holder of a Belgian war decoration and after the Papal coronation received from the Holy See the honour of Knight Commander of the Order of St. Gregory.

MEN IN THE WARS
A priest, Fr. Roderick O'Sullivan, who spent eight days in an open boat after the City of Benares was torpedoed, has now become a naval chaplain. He was accompanying evacuated children when the ship was torpedoed and he spent several months in hospital after his rescue.

Another priest, Fr. Denis Kelly, who shared the hazards of 500 castaways left by a German raider on the Pacific island of Enlaur, returned recently to England. He belongs to the Liverpool diocese. Though 6 ft. 1 in. in height he is

ANNUAL MTG. OF Y.M.C.A. A.D.C.

Mr. P. S. Cassidy, Acting President of the European Y.M.C.A. has consented to take the Chair at the Annual Meeting of the Y.M.C.A. Amateur Dramatic Club which will be held in the West Lounge at 8 p.m. on Wednesday, May 28.

The agenda for the meeting embodies the reports of the Treasurer, the Secretary, and the election of officers for the 1941-42 season.

All members and their friends are cordially invited to the meeting. Tea will be served from 5 p.m. in order to assist office workers and others who wish to attend the meeting.

ENGLISH METHODIST CHURCH

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CIRCUIT QUARTERLY MEETING ON TUESDAY

Preachers, Morning—Rev. J. E. Sandbach; Evening—Rev. E. Moreton. Morning Parade Service at 10.15 a.m. Hymns: 85, 99, 427, 705. Evening Service at 7 p.m. Hymns: 11, 669, 731, 229.

NOTICES FOR WEEK

Following the Evening Service a Social Hour will be held at the S & S Home at 8.30 p.m. All Servicemen and civilians warmly welcomed. Tuesday at 8.30 p.m. at the S & S Home—Circuit Quarterly Meeting. Supper will be served at 7.30 p.m. All friends interested in the work of the Church are cordially invited. Attention is drawn to the annual meeting of the British & Foreign Bible Society to be held in St. John's Cathedral Hall on Friday, May 23, at 5.30 p.m. Speaker: Rev. W.H. Huddspeth, M.A., Secretary of the B & F.B.S. for China.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH

Rogation Sunday, 5th Sunday after Easter, 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 10. Young People's Service. 11. Junior Sunday School. 11. Choral Communion. Preacher: The Acting Vicar, "Whither" 3 p.m. Adult Baptism, 6.15 p.m. Evensong and Sermon. Preacher: The Acting Vicar, "God in the World." The Sunday Club meets as usual after this service for tea and fellowship. Monday, May 19th 10 a.m. Medical War Working Party for China. 5.30 p.m. Club Committee. 5.30 V.D.M.A. Annual Meeting in St. John's Cathedral Hall, Wednesday, May 21 5.30 p.m. Wolf Cubs. 5.45 Choral Practice. 8.30 St. Andrew's Fellowship. Talk by Brigadier Darby S.A. Thursday, May 22nd Ascension Day 7.00 a.m. Holy Communion. 10. Medical War Working Party for China. 8.45 p.m. Club Social. Friday, May 23rd 5.30 p.m. Scouts. 8.45 Fellowship. "Get Together" Evening. Sunday, May 25th Confirmation by Bishop Hall at Morning Service. The rooms of St. Andrew's Fellowship are open daily from 10 a.m. to 11 p.m.

ST. TERESA'S CHURCH

Saturday—At 3.30 p.m. Meeting of St. Teresa's C.Y.M.A. 5th Sunday after Easter—6.30 a.m. Holy Mass with Sermon in Chinese; 8 a.m. Choral Mass; Sermon in English; May Devotions and Benediction; 10 a.m. Holy Mass with Sermon in Chinese; 8 a.m. Choral Mass, Sermon in English. On week-days Holy Mass at 6.30 and 7.15 a.m. Wednesday—At 8.45 p.m. Annual Meeting of St. Teresa's Youth. Thursday—The Ascension of Our Lord; a Holiday of Obligation. Masses at 6.30, 7.30 and 10 a.m.

THE CHRISTIAN & MISSIONARY ALLIANCE (Hongkong Branch) CHAPEL

25, Cumberland Rd., Kowloon Tong Rev. John Bechtel, Pastor. Sunday Services; 10 a.m. Worship. Speaker, Rev. E. W. Raetz. Subject: "Hope abounding." Text: Romans 15:13; 11 a.m. Worship (Cantonese). Speaker: Mr. Sung. 3 p.m. Sunday School; 6.30 p.m. Evangelistic Service (English). Speaker, Rev. George Ferry. 7.30 p.m. Evangelistic Service (Cantonese).

Services for the Week Wednesday and Thursday morning, 10 a.m. classes in English and Chinese characters. Wednesday: 7.30 p.m. Prayer Meeting (Cantonese). Thursday: 7 p.m. Young People's Meeting (English). Speaker, Carlton Truax. Saturday: 7.30 p.m. Class for candidates preparing for baptism.

How Long Will H.K. Market Maintain Uninterrupted Supply Of Foreign Goods?

9TH ANNUAL MEETING OF CHINA EMPORIUM, LIMITED

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Hon. Mr. Li Tse-fong was in the Chair. Directors present were Messrs. Fung Fook-tien, G. K. Kwok, Chan Tse-kei, Chau Man-choi, Kan Tong-po, T. N. Chau, C.B.E., Chan Lim-pak, M. Chan Harr and Fung Ping-fan.

CHAIRMAN'S SPEECH

Addressing the meeting, the Chairman said:—During the year under review, there is an increase of turnover as compared with that of the previous year; in spite of the fact that the European War was at its height, the shipment of goods was made extremely difficult and Hongkong itself was affected in more than one way. The evacuation of European women and children reduced our patronage to a considerable extent. At the same time the fall of our National Currency has weakened the purchasing power of a certain section of the buying public.

It is, no doubt, a matter of the utmost satisfaction to you and your Directors that, under such unfavourable conditions, we are still in a position to report a fairly prosperous year.

ADVANCE TO STAFF

In view of the hard times in Hongkong during last Autumn, the Board of Directors advanced a month's salary to the staff to enable them to provide food against emergencies. Since the cost of living has continued to go up, the Board has further decided to waive

CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL

The following are the forthcoming services at the Catholic Cathedral, Caine Road:

5th Sunday after Easter, Morning Services: 1st Mass at 6, with sermon in Chinese; 2nd Mass at 8, with sermon in English; 3rd Mass at 10, with sermon in English. Evening Services: At 3.30, Catechetical Instruction; 4, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, recitation of the Holy Rosary and Benediction. May 19—Rogation Day—The triduum of Rogations begins to-day and will continue in the following two days at 7.10, Procession and Litany of the Saints May 22—The Ascension of Our Lord—Holiday of Obligation. The Holy Masses will be celebrated at 6, 7.30 and 10 o'clock May 24—Our Lady Help of Christians. Empire Day. The Celebration of the Empire Day will take place at 9 o'clock, with the attendance of the school children. Preacher, Rev. Fr. H. Craig, S.J. On week days: Mass at 6 and 7.30. During May, the devotions in honour of the Blessed Virgin take place in the evening at 5.30 on week days.

ST. PETER'S SEAMEN'S CHURCH

5th Sunday after Easter—3 a.m. Holy Communion; 8 p.m. Short evening service; Preacher, The Rev. Cyril Brown, M.A.—Launch picnics for seafarers on Saturdays and Sundays at 2.30 p.m. N.B.—The Church is open to the general public.

CHRIST CHURCH

The Vicar to preach at Choral Eucharist Rogation Sunday, Services in English: 7.15 a.m. Holy Communion; 9.45 a.m. Choral Eucharist and Sermon. Preacher: the Vicar. Sunday School at 9 a.m. at 2 Duke St.

Services in Mandarin—8 a.m. Holy Communion; 11 a.m. Morning Prayer and Sermon.

Weekly Services and Notices Wednesday: Wolf Cubs meet at 4.30 p.m. at 4 Embankment Rd. Thursday, Ascension Day: Holy Communion at 7 a.m.; Guild of Martha and Mary weekly meeting in the Vicarage at 10 a.m.; Choir practice in the Church at 8 p.m. Friday: The Vicar and the Fellowship will be "at Home" in the Vicarage from 4.30 p.m.

RADIO PROGRAMMES

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Bertheuse de Jocelyn (Godard and others)—André D'Arkor (Tenor) with instru. accomp. 9.45—10.00 News in French (on Short Wave Only).

9.45 Concert Waltzes and Tangos. Nalla Waltz (Delibes)—Royal Opera Orchestra, Covent Garden. Jealousy—Tango Tzigane (Gade)—Boston Promenade Orchestra. Indian Summer—Waltz (Lehr)—Orchestra Mascotte. Tango—(Albeniz) Barnabas von Gezy and his Orchestra.

10.00 London Relay—"Happidrome."

11.00 New Dance Music. Fox-Trots—Take it from the Top; Jubilee Swing—Ella Fitzgerald's Orch. Swing Fox-Trots—How Am I to Know?

12.00 midnight. Close Down. 12.00 midnight. Close Down. TOMORROW HAYDN "LONDON" SYMPHONY NO. 104 IN D MAJOR "I Pugnace"—Act 2 11.00 a.m. Relay of Morning Service from St. John's Cathedral. 12.15 p.m. Haydn—Symphony No. 104 in D Major—"London". 1st Mov: Adagio—Allegro; 2nd Mov: Andante; 3rd Mov: Menuetto (Allegro); 4th Mov: Allegro spiritoso—Edwin Fischer and his Chamber Orch. "1240 Piano and Violin Solos by Vladimir Horowitz and Fritz Kreisler. A May Breeze (Mendelssohn)—Fritz Kreisler (Violin) with Piano. Mazurka in E Minor, Op. 41, No. 2 (Chopin)—Vladimir Horowitz (Piano). Rondino on a Theme by Beethoven (Kreisler); Gavotte (Bach—Kreisler)—Fritz Kreisler (Violin) with Piano. Etude XI pour les arpegges composes (Debussy); Pastourel; Tocata. (Poulenc)—Vladimir Horowitz (Piano). 1.00 Local Time Signal. 1.01 Student Songs. John Peel (Traditional); Ten Green Bottles (Traditional)—Harold Williams and the B.B.C. Male Chorus. There is a Tavern in the Town (Traditional)—Harold Williams and the B.B.C. Male Chorus. Drinks All Round—Intro: Vive la Compagnie; Come, Landlord fill the Flowing Bowl; Little Brown Jug; Drinking; Old King Cole; What shall we do with the Drunken Sailor? Simon the Cellarer; Whisky Johnny; Here to the Maiden; We went to Home till Morning; Auld Lang Syne—Columbia. Vocal Gem Company with two pianos. 1.15 Reginald Dixon at the Organ. With Sword and Lance—March (Starke); Blaze Away—March (Holman). Dixieland (No. 4)—Intro: There's a Boy Coming Home on Leave; You Made me Care; Draining; In an Old Dutch Garden; Oh, Johnny; Wanna Wrap You Up. 1.30 Benter and Rugby Press and Announcements. 1.45 A Brahms Programme. Variations on an Original Theme, Op. 21, No. 1—Wilhelm Backhaus (Piano); Hungarian Dance No. 1; Hungarian Dance No. 3—Philharmonic Orchestra. The May Night—Maria Olaszewska (Contralto) with piano accomp. Sonata No. 3 in D Minor Op. 108. 1st Mov: Allegro; 2nd Mov:

EPIDEMIC OF THEFTS OF NIGHTSOIL BUCKETS

With the rising price of metals, sneak thieves are now turning their attention to tin buckets used as nightsoil containers. An epidemic of these petty thefts has swept the Shamshuipo district, according to a resident of that area who has had the misfortune of losing four such buckets within a fortnight.

These buckets, valued at between 80 and 90 cents each, are considered too small a loss to be reported to the Police by the victims who apparently do not think that by keeping silent they are encouraging this form of thieving.

It may be recalled that some time in July last year there was an epidemic of thefts of tin-cans used by the Chinese as joss-stick holders and placed outside the doorways of flats. There was also a prevalence of electric wire thefts from stairways.

A swift, and sudden, stop was put to these annoyances when the matter was reported to the Police.

Adagio; 3rd Mov: Un poco presto e con sentimento; 4th Mov: Presto agitato—Joseph Szigeti (Violin) and Egon Petri (Piano). 2.30 Close Down.

5.45 Indian Programme. 7.00—London Relay—"The News." 7.15 London Relay—"Questions of the Hour."

7.30 The Boston Promenade Orchestra with Charles Kulman (Tenor). Espana Waltz (Waldteufel)—Boston Promenade Orchestra. The World is Mine Tonight (Marvell and Postford); By the Dark Lagoon (Baddley and Leigh)—Charles Kulman (Tenor) with Orchestra. Tully Trumpet (Scott); Pavanne (Gould)—Boston Promenade Orchestra. Serenade (Ravini)—Charles Kulman (Tenor) with Orchestra. Emperor Waltz, Op. 437 (Johann Strauss)—Boston Promenade Orch. 8.00 Local Time Signal and Announcements. 8.02 Dvorak—Symphony No. 2 in D Minor, Op. 76. 1st Mov: Allegro maestoso; 2nd Mov: Poco Adagio; 3rd Mov: Scherzo

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Finance and Commerce

AERATED WATERS INDUSTRY

The popularity of carbonated beverages in Canada is strikingly evidenced by the growth during the last five years of the aerated waters industry. During this period the value of the output of this industry has more than doubled. In 1939 alone it showed a gain of ten per cent. The production of 1939 was also more than double that of 1932.

The output of this industry is consumed almost entirely within the Dominion although there is a small export, and a somewhat larger import, trade.

The value of production in the aerated waters industry of Canada in 1939 totalled \$28,744,000 as against \$26,094,000 in 1938. In 1934 the value of the output was \$11,586,000, while in 1929 it was \$12,249,000.

As between 1938 and 1939, the number of plants declined from 454 to 447 but the capital employed increased from \$18,879,000 to \$20,132,000; the number of employees from 4,569 to 4,915 and the payroll from \$5,161,000 to \$5,528,000; while the cost of materials advanced from \$7,750,000 to \$8,752,000.

Exports of mineral and aerated waters declined from \$6,177 in 1938 to \$1,842 in 1939; but imports of ginger ale, mineral and aerated waters increased from \$62,792 to \$69,850.

AN INCREASE

The production of carbonated beverages (soft drinks) in the

H.K. Stock Exchange

The market has been slightly more active during the week, the turnover, however, is not particularly impressive. Providents have been in favour at \$4.90 to \$5. Macao Electrics have also come into some prominence though business reported has been at erratic rates, varying from \$19 to \$19½ and intermediate levels back to \$19. Indo-Chinas will pay, next July, dividends on their Cumulative Preferred 6 per cent. shares for the years 1928/1931 inclusive.

At the close there exists a moderate enquiry for many stocks but the nominal rates need some paring down before buyers can be attracted in any numbers.

BUSINESS DONE DURING THE WEEK.

H.K. Banks, \$1305.
Union Ins., \$405.
Docks, \$15.
Providents, \$4.90, \$4.95, \$5.
Lands, \$303.
Realities, \$2.70.
Trams, \$15.80, \$15.90.
Lights (O), \$5.70.
Electricity X. Rts., \$22½.
Electricity (N), \$21½.
Electricity Rts., \$12, \$11½, \$11¼.
Macao Electrics, \$19, \$19½, \$19¾.
Ropes, \$94.
Watsons, \$94.
H.K. Govt. 3½ Loan (1934), 94½.

BUYERS

H.K. Banks, \$1305.
Bank of East Asia, \$71.
H.K. Fire Ins., X.D., \$176.
Indo-Chinas (Pref.), \$30.
Providents, \$5.
Hots, \$2.85.
Lands, \$30.75.
Trams, \$15.90.
Electricity Rts., \$11.25.
Ropes, \$6.40.
Entertainments, \$6.25.

SALES

Providents, \$5.20.
Macao Electrics, \$19.25.
Docks, \$14.95.
Providents, \$5.
Trams, \$16.
Electricity (N), \$21.25.
Electricity Rts., \$11.35.
Macao Electrics, \$19.15.
Telephones (O), \$22.30.

HONGKONG SHAREBROKERS' ASSOCIATION

Volume of Business Transacted on Friday, May 16, 1941.

SALES

H.K. Docks, 200 \$14.95
H.K. Electric (O), 36 22.00
H.K. Tramways, 200 16.00
H.K. Telephone (O), 100 22.30
Water-boats, 58 6.00

The total value is \$12,275.00.

Hon. A. C. Taylor, provincial Minister of Agriculture, announces the continuation of assistance to farmers in procuring ground limestone and reports that upwards of 40,000 tons were distributed and used on New Brunswick farms last year. He acknowledged the co-operation of the manufacturers and transportation companies.

WEEKLY RETURNS AND REPORTS

BANK OF ENGLAND

LONDON, May 15 (Reuter).	May 8 (1940)	May 15 (1939)
Public Deposits	12,240	14,410
Other Deposits		
Bankers	113,560	115,520
Other Accounts	53,860	52,110
Total	167,320	167,630
Government Securities	102,480	115,300
Other Securities		
Discounts and Advances	19,350	12,250
Securities	19,790	19,750
Total	39,140	32,000
Notes and Coins	55,850	52,470
Total Bullion	1,830	1,890
Notes in circulation	625,970	620,420
Ratio of Reserve to Liabilities	31.07%	28.62%
Price of Gold at which holdings are valued	168/-	168/-

FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM RETURNS

NEW YORK, May 15 (Reuter).	May 9 (1940)	May 8 (1939)
U.S. Bonds	2,467,000	2,184,000
U.S. Securities held	88.17%	91.33%
Federal Reserve Ratio	2,507,000	2,229,000
Federal Reserve Credit Outstanding	18,835,000	22,525,000
Monetary Gold Stocks	9,296,000	8,059,000
Industrial Advances		8,062,000

U.S. Investment In China Totals U.S. \$376 Millions

The fourth American credit of U.S.\$100,000,000 concluded last November has brought the total American investments in China (excluding Manchuria) up to U.S.\$376,000,000, according to an unofficial Chinese estimate.

Ten years ago Professor Carl F. Remer of the University of Michigan made a comprehensive study of foreign investment in China. The American portion, as it stood then, was U.S.\$196,824,124. Of this sum, U.S.\$155,112,778 were investments in commercial enterprises, and U.S.\$41,711,346 were loans to the Chinese Government.

Not included in Professor Remer's estimate were the U.S.\$43,071,189 worth of property owned by American missions and philanthropic organizations.

During the period from 1930, the year Professor Remer completed his study, to the outbreak of war in July, 1937, considerable changes took place in the American investments. First of all, those in Manchuria suffered heavily following its military occupation by Japanese troops in 1931.

The same year, owing to the Yangtze flood, America sold to China on credit 15,000,000 bushels of wheat valued at U.S.\$9,212,287. The following year the American wheat-cotton loan of U.S.\$50,000,000 was concluded. Actually, however, China used only U.S.\$17,105,385. Another development was the participation of American interests in the China National Aviation Corporation to the extent of 45 per cent. of its total capitalisation.

On basis of these changes, a revised estimate was made by the Far Eastern Economic Mission, of which Professor Remer was also a member, in 1935. Excluding Manchuria, American investments in China totalled around U.S.\$200,000,000 that year.

TWO PORTIONS

Since the war began, American investments may be divided into two portions: those in the occupied areas and those in Free China. American business interests have suffered heavily in the Japanese-controlled areas. For instance, the damage to American property in Shanghai alone was estimated to be over U.S.\$25,000,000. What with the Japanese closure of the Yangtze to foreign shipping, the establishment of Japanese monopoly firms and illegitimate Japanese competition, American interests, along with those of other Third Powers, have suffered heavily. The Shanghai Power Company, an American-owned concern, had found it necessary to curtail its operations owing to encroachments by the Japanese Central China Power Company.

However, there are exceptions. American firms in Shanghai and other cities within the sphere of Japanese occupation, that deal in materials useful to the Japanese armed forces, have all fared very well. Among them, American oil firms have made the largest profits. American firms selling motorcars and trucks in North China cities have likewise shown considerable earnings.

In January, 1938, the U.S. Department of Commerce made an estimate, which placed the aggregate American investments around U.S.\$202,000,000. In addition, there were U.S.\$40,000,000 worth of property owned by American missions and philanthropic organizations.

Since the war began, a number of American firms have set up branches in Free China. The Curtiss-Wright Company has invested U.S.\$4,000,000 in an aircraft factory in Interior China. In addition, there have been four American government loans in the

THIRTY-SEVEN PER CENT. OF FARMERS INDEPENDENT

In 1940, 37 per cent. of the farmers in fifteen interior provinces of China were independent owners of their land, according to a survey of the National Agricultural Research Bureau of the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry.

The survey also reveals that in that year 27 per cent. of the farmers owned part of the land they cultivated and that the remaining 36 per cent. were tenants who possessed no land at all. The war has had no effect on the number of independent farmers in Interior China, although one per cent. of the tenants became part owners of land in 1940 as compared with 1937. The survey was made by 3,451 "reporters" on farm conditions of the bureau scattered in 898 districts in fifteen provinces.

Analysing Free China's rural economy, the survey goes on to indicate that half of the farmers borrowed money, while 35 per cent. borrowed grain. About 39 per cent. of their loans came from private sources, 27 per cent. from co-operatives, the rest from shops, banks, pawn shops and native banks. Most of the debts were secured either by guarantors or mortgages on land, live-stock and farm implements, the interest rate ranging from 1.9 to 2.1 per cent. monthly.



THOSE WHO KNOW SAY,
IT'S THE SCOTCH.

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LOWEST RATE

The co-operatives, which averaged 1.2 per cent., was the lowest rate paid by the farmers. Sixty-five per cent. of the farmers' debts were contracted for a year, 16 per cent. were for six months and only a few per cent. for three, nine or over twelve months.

In borrowing grain, the mortgaging of seedlings was the most common practice in rural communities. Interest on borrowed grain usually was 26 per cent. for three months and 41 per cent. for six months. It is expected that the extension of rural co-operatives will gradually do away with this usurious practice on the part of money and grain lenders. In their supplementary occupations, 61 per cent. of the farmers in Interior China in 1940 raised cattle, representing an increase of 7 per cent. over 1939. Next in importance were growing vegetables and cutting firewood, followed by weaving and spinning, small trades

HONG KONG TIDE TABLE

From 17 to 23 May 1941.

			HIGH WATER		LOW WATER	
Days of Week	Days of Month	Hong Kong Standard Time	Height	Hong Kong Standard Time	Height	
Sat.	17	03 19	4.4	06 24	4.0	
		13 22	6.2	20 55	1.5	
Sun.	18	04 30	4.5	07 31	4.1	
		14 28	5.6	21 57	1.7	
Mon.	19	05 32	4.6	09 32	4.2	
		15 54	6.2	22 52	2.1	
Tues.	20	06 20	5.1	11 25	4.0	
		17 21	4.4	23 39	2.2	
Wed.	21	06 57	5.4			
		18 35	4.6	12 36	3.4	
Thu.	22	07 57	5.6	00 33	3.4	
		19 37	4.6	13 24	3.7	
Fri.	23	07 52	5.0	00 07	2.5	
		20 33	4.6	14 09	2.3	

PRE-PAID ADVERTISEMENTS.

The following classes of advertisements are charged at the price given below.—

SITUATIONS VACANT. HOUSES AND APARTMENTS WANTED. HOUSES AND APARTMENTS TO BE LET. MISCELLANEOUS WANTS.

Announcements not exceeding 25 words are inserted under this heading at a Pre-paid Rate of \$1.50 for THREE INSERTIONS. If Charges collected, \$2.00.

WANTED

Energetic canvassers (Boys or Girls) for outdoor work. Apply Box 249 H.K.D.P.

WANTED TO BUY

WE PAY HIGH PRICES for all gold and silver articles. Jade diamonds, jewels, watches, fountain pens. Apply Far East Diamond and Gold Refining Co. Room 621, China Building, 6th floor. (Store will open on Sundays and Holidays).

General Agent: Chan Che Kue No. 4, Lyndhurst Terrace. Tel. 26402.

WE PAY HIGH PRICES for all gold and silver articles, gold bars diamonds and jewels. Apply China Gold Refining Co. Pedder Building, 2nd floor, Room 6.

WANTED KNOWN

Experienced Book-keeper Wants Students to form a class. Guarantee students to keep a whole set of books after completion of a course of 6 months. For Term and Particulars. Please Apply to:—Box No. 463, s/o H.K.D.P.

LONDON METALS EXCHANGE

London, May 15 (Reuter). Tin. Standard. Cash. Middle Price, £289-7/8. Tin. Standard. 3 months. Middle Price, £297-7/8. Market steady. Broader demand and good general business, chiefly for intermediate date. More pressing private cash sellers again undersold. Ministry, whose price is £271-1/2. After hours—Market steady—30 tons at unchanged prices.

WE OFFER HIGH PRICES for any amount of gold articles, diamonds, silver, jewels, etc. No holidays. Apply China Building, 7th floor. Tel. 30727.

EURASIA GOLD REFINING CO.

FOR JADE APPETITES! REAL RUSSIAN FOOD. Tiffin \$1.20 • Dinner \$1.50. METROPOLE HOTEL. TEA DANCE DAILY. EXCEPT MONDAYS. 5 to 7.30 P.M.

LOST. Gents dress ring between Moody Road and Harbour View Hotel. Reward. Finder please communicate Box 248 H.K.D.P.

TO LET.—Unfurnished from 1st June. 300 The Peak Six roomed house in Bluff Path. Fifteen minutes from Tram. Reasonable Rent. Hastings & Co. Marina House.

BUTTERICK. EXPERT TAILORS FOR LADIES' GARMENTS. NEW STYLE READY MADE AMERICAN DRESSES. FOR SALE. 16, Wyndham Street. Tel. 23615.

AUCTIONEERS. GREATEST COLLECTION OF BARGAINS IN TOWN! LAMBERT'S AUCTION ROOM. 2nd Floor, 10, Wyndham Street. Tel. 23615.

ENGRAVERS. FEI FEI & CO. Photo Engravers. 18, Cochrane Street. Telephone No. 22224.

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Help Your Friend and his Bobby by giving POSTAGE STAMPS for his COLLECTIONS and SEEDS for his GARDEN.

We can supply the goods of his and your want. GRACA & CO. Dealers in postage stamps and garden seeds etc. No. 10 Wyndham Street. Established 1886. HONG KONG.

FOREIGN MARKETS & QUOTATIONS

MONEY AND EXCHANGE

CLOSING QUOTATIONS

MAY 16, 1941.

On London:—	
Telegraphic Transfer, 1/2 7/8	
Bank Bills, on demand 1/2 7/8	
Credits 4 months sight	
On Shanghai:—	
On demand	4 1/2
On Singapore:—	
On demand	52 3/4
On Japan:—	
On demand	102 1/2
Telegraphic Transfer, 1/2 5/8	
On New York:—	
Bank Bills, on demand 24 1/8	
Credits, 60 days sight 24 7/8	
On Batavia:—	
On demand	45 1/4
On Paris:—	
Bank Bills, on demand Nom.	
Credits 4 months sight Nom.	
On Saigon:—	
On demand	104 1/2
On Manila:—	
On demand	48 1/4
On Bangkok:—	
On demand	149 1/2
On Sterling Notes:—	
Bank Buying Rate	Nom.
Bar Silver per oz.	23 7/16

Market Report

FROM ROZA BROS.

Friday, May 16.

The price for Ready Silver dropped 1/16 yesterday to 23 7/16 but the Forward rate was unchanged at 23 1/2. Silver advices reported the market as being quiet and featureless. American Silver was quoted at 34 3/4 for Spot.

The London/New York cross-rate was quoted at 402 1/2. New York/London was quoted at 403.

MARKET

Quiet.

STERLING

No business was reported. There were sellers at 1/3 up to July, buyers at 1/3 1/2 for any delivery.

U. S. DOLLARS

Opened with sellers at 24 7/16 with buyers at 24 1/2. Subsequently business was done at 24 1/2 for near and forward. The market closed at 1 p.m. with sellers at 24 1/2, buyers at 24 9/16 for Cash.

SHANGHAI DOLLARS

Opened with sellers at 456 1/2 with business done at 456 3/4. The market closed at 1 p.m. with sellers at 458 3/4, buyers at 457 1/4.

SHANGHAI MARKET

Quiet. There were sellers of Sterling for near delivery at 3 9/32 for Spot and U.S. Dollars at 5 11/32 for Spot.

AFTERNOON MARKET

Quiet.

STERLING

The market closed with sellers at 1/3 up to July, buyers at 1/3 1/2 for any delivery.

U. S. DOLLARS

The market closed with sellers at 24 1/2 for near, buyers at 24 9/16 for Cash.

SHANGHAI DOLLARS

Business was done at 456 1/2. The market closed with sellers at 458, buyers at 457 1/4.

SHANGHAI MARKET

Quiet. Sterling closed with sellers at 3 9/32 for near and U.S. Dollars at 5 11/32 for near.

Shanghai Exchange

Shanghai, May 16 (Reuters).

Official T.T. Rates

	Opening
London	0/3-1/8
New York	5-3/16
Japan	22
India	17-1/4
Paris	nominal
Hongkong	20-3/4

Silver Duty Rate

The Central Bank of China's rate on London at 10 a.m. today was 1/2-1/2d.

The Equalisation rate was 24-1/4 per cent.

Calcutta Exchange—Calcutta, May 15 (Reuters).

T.T. on Japan, 81-1/2

India Rupee Paper—Bombay, May 15 (Reuters).

Govt. 3 1/2% Rupee, 95-06-0.

BROKERS' LOANS—New York, May 15 (Reuters).

Loans on securities to brokers in New York:—

Wk-ended	Wk-ended	Wk-ended
9/5/40	8/5/41	15/5/41
\$477,000,000	\$317,000,000	\$318,800,000

LONDON GOLD

London, May 15 (Reuters).

Bar Gold, Fine per oz., 168/-

NEW YORK COMMODITY MARKET

(REUTER'S SERVICE)

NEW YORK, May 15, 1941.

	High	Low	Close	Prev. Close	Today's Change
New York Cotton, July	13.06	12.77	12.90	12.81	.09 off
New York Rubber, July	24.46	24.30	24.48b	24.30	.18 off
Chicago Wheat, July	100 1/2	97 1/2	99 1/2	98 1/2	.10 off
Chicago Corn, July	74	72 1/2	73 1/2	72 1/2	.10 off
New York Hides, June	15.00	14.75	14.97	14.75b	.22 off

NEW YORK COTTON

	Close	Closing	Change
May	12.93/93	12.78 N	.15 off
July	12.90/95	12.81/81	.09 off
October	13.07/08	12.97/13.00	.10 off
December	13.09/13	13.02/04	.07 off
January	13.11 N	13.03/03	.08 off
March	13.22/25	13.08/10	.14 off
Spot	13.31	13.22	.09 off

Total sales Wednesday:—296,500 bales.

The last trading day for May cotton is May 16.

NEW YORK RUBBER

	Close	Closing	Change
May	24.48b/50a	24.30/30	.18 off
July	23.99/99	23.85 N	.14 off
September	23.65b/69a	23.45/45	.20 off
December	23.30 N	23.10 N	.20 off

Total sales for the day:—1,070 tons.

The last trading day for May rubber is May 27.

CHICAGO WHEAT

	99 1/2/99 1/2	98 1/2/98 1/2	Change
July	99 1/2/99 1/2	98 1/2/98 1/2	.14 off
September	100 1/2/100 1/2	98 1/2/98 1/2	.14 off

Wednesday's sales:—31,570,000 bushels.

CHICAGO CORN

	73 1/2/73 1/2	72 1/2/72 1/2	Change
July	73 1/2/73 1/2	72 1/2/72 1/2	.14 off
September	74 1/2/74 1/2	73 1/2/73 1/2	.14 off

NEW YORK HIDES

	14.97/97	14.75b/78a	Change
June	14.97/97	14.75b/78a	.22 off
September	15.14/14	14.90/92	.24 off

Total sales for the day:—155 lots.

NEW YORK COCOA

	7.83/82	7.81/81	Change
September	7.83/82	7.81/81	.01 off

The last trading day for May cocoa is May 22.

NEW YORK SUGAR NO. 3

	2.48b/49a	2.48b/49a	unch.
May	2.48b/49a	2.48b/49a	unch.
July	2.52b/53a	2.51b/52a	.01 off

Volume of business done:—89 lots.

The last trading day for No. 3 Sugar is May 23.

NEW YORK SUGAR NO. 4

	85b/86a	83b/84a	Change
July	85b/86a	83b/84a	.02 off

Volume of business done:—496 lots.

NEW YORK COPPER FUTURES

	11.77b/95a	11.80b/92a	Change
July	11.77b/95a	11.80b/92a	.03 up

NEW YORK COTTONSEED OIL

	10.84/84	10.60/65a	Change
July	10.84/84	10.60/65a	.24 off

NEW YORK LARD

	10.00a	9.82/82	Change
September	10.00a	9.82/82	.18 off

NEW YORK BLACK PEPPER

	7.27b/30a	7.12/12	Change
September	7.27b/30a	7.12/12	.15 off

The First Notice Day for September black pepper is Aug. 26 and last trading day is September 23.

N.Y. Official Silver	34-3/4	34-3/4
N.Y.-London Cross Rate	4.03-1/4	4.03-1/4

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

(REUTER'S SERVICE)

London, May 15.

The following quotations are the middle prices at the close of the market in London. All quotations are subject to confirmation and no responsibility is assumed for errors in transmission.

War Loan, 3 1/2% (Red, after 1952)	103 1/2
Defence Loan, 3% (Red, after 1952)	101 1/2
London-Klondike Rly. 5% (Brit. Stpd.)	9
Chinese 4 1/2% Gold Loan (1938 (Brit. Issue))	39
Chinese 5 1/2% Gold Bonds, 1925/47	38
Chin. 4 1/2% Anglo-French Loan 1908	40
Chinese 5% Crisp Loan, 1912	20 1/2
Chinese 5% Reorg. Loan, 1913 (Ldn. Is.)	28 1/2
Chinese 8% Ster. Notes, 1925 (Vickers)	7-9
Chin. Imperial Rly. 5% Loan	48
Honan Rly. 5%	12
Hukwang Rly. 5%, 1911 (L.P. N.Y. Issue)	13
Hukwang Rly. 5%, 1911 (German Issue)	11
Lung Tsing & U. Hai Rly. 5% 1913	9
S'hai-N'K'ing Rly. 5%	14
Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (Brit. Stpd.)	10
Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (German Stpd.)	10
Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (Brit. Stpd. Supl. Loan)	10
Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (Ger. Stpd. Supl. Loan)	10
Jap. 6% Ster. Loan, 1924	20 1/2
Ger. 7% Intl. Loan, 1924	5
Chartered Bank	84
H.K. & S'hai Bank (Ldn. Reg.)	72 1/2
H.K. & S'hai Bank (Col. Reg.)	76 1/2
Chinese Eng. & Mining (bearer)	12/6
Chosen Corporation	4/-
Mercantile Bank of Ind.	

dia. 25, "G" 11 1/2

Pekin Syndicate 18/-

S'hai Elec. Constr. Co. 18/-

S'hai Waterworks "A" 15

Union Insurance 22

Guia Kaimpong Rubber 15/-

Lon. Mid. & Scot. Rly. 12 1/2

Great Western Rly. 33 1/2

National Bank of India 30 1/2

S.A. Tob (bearer) 85/8

Dunlop Rubber 34/4d

Bristol Aeroplane 9/10 1/2

Imperial Chemical Ind. 30/10 1/2

United Steel 22/6

Woolworths 47/9

Marsman Investments 8/3

Western Holdings 10/9

Sub-Nigel 145/-

Shell Trans. & Trad. (bearer) 40/-

"bid" "ask" "d" "c"

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

QUOTATION

(REUTER'S SERVICE)

MAY 16, 1941

STOCKS	Last Sale	STOCKS	Last Sale
Adams Express	54	Kennecott Copper	33 1/2
Allegheny Steel Co.	20 1/2	Libbey-Owens-Ford Glass	30 1/2
Allis Chalmers	25 1/2	Lockheed Aircraft	20 1/2
Amer. Can.	79 1/2	Loew's Inc.	29
American Cyanamid B.	36 1/2	Martin, Glen L.	27 1/2
Amer. & Foreign Power	17 1/2	Montgomery Ward	32 1/2
Amer. & Foreign P. pf.	17 1/2	National Aviation	7 1/2
Amer. Locomotive	11 1/2	Nat. Dairy Products	13
Amer. Metals Co.	17	National Distillers	19
Amer. Radiator	6	Nat. Power & Light	8 1/2
Amer. Rolling Mill	13 1/2	National Supply Corp.	5 1/2
Amer. S'ing and R'ing Co.	37 1/2	New York Central	12 1/2
Amer. Sugar Refining	15	Niagara Hudson Power	2 1/2
Amer. Tel. & Tel.	150 1/2	N. American Aviation	12 1/2
Amer. Tobacco "B"	64 1/2	North American Co.	12 1/2
Amer. Waterworks	4	Northern Pacific	6 1/2
Anaconda Copper	24 1/2	Packard Motors	11 1/2
Atchafalpa, T. & S. Fe.	27	Paramount Pictures	11 1/2
Aviation Corp.	2 1/2	Pennsylvania R.R.	23 1/2
Baldwin Locomotive	12 1/2	Phillips Petroleum	40 1/2
Baltimore & Ohio	4	Pullman Inc.	24 1/2
Barnsdall Oil	9 1/2	Pure Oil	9
Bendix Aviation	33	Radio Corp. of Am.	32 1/2
Bethlehem Steel	68 1/2	Reading Company, Com	14 1/2
Bliss & Co.	14 1/2	Remington Arms Co., Inc.	4 1/2
Boeing Airplane Co.	12 1/2	Republic Aviation Corp.	3 1/2
Borg-Warner	17	Republic Steel	17 1/2
Briggs Mfg.	19	Reynold Tobac. "B"	28 1/2
Budd Manufacturing Corp.	3 1/2	Schenley Distillers	9
Canadian Pacific R'way	34	Shell Union Oil	14
Celanese	20 1/2	Socony-Vacuum Oil	9 1/2
Chesapeake & Ohio	34 1/2	Southern Pacific	10 1/2
Chrysler Corp.	55 1/2	Southern Ry. 5% pfd.	23 1/2
Columbia Gas & Elec.	23	Spicer Manufacturing Co.	28 1/2
Commercial Credit Co.	22 1/2	Standard Brands	5 1/2
Com. & Southern (Ord.)	1	Stand Gas & Elec.	4 1/2
Consolidated Edison	18	Standard Oil of N.J.	36 1/2
Consolidated Oil	5 1/2	Studebaker Com.	4 1/2
Copperweld Steel	14 1/2	Swift International	18 1/2
Curtiss Wright (C.)	7 1/2	Technicolor	73 1/2
Douglas Aircraft	6 1/2	Texas Corp.	33 1/2
Du Pont de Nemours	139 1/2	Trans-America Co.	4 1/2
Eagle Picher Lead	7 1/2	20th Cent. Fox	5 1/2
Elec. Autholite	26 1/2	Union Bag & Paper Corp.	10 1/2
Elec. Bond & Share	2 1/2	Union Pacific	80
Elec. Bond & Share \$5 pf.	57	United Aircraft	36 1/2
Elec. Bond & Share \$6 pf.	60 1/2	United Airlines Trans.	9 1/2
Elec. Power & Light \$7 pf.	32 1/2	United Corp.	2 1/2
Flintkote	12 1/2	United Corp. \$3 cum pf.	1 1/2
Gen. Electric	23 1/2	United Gas Improvement	6 1/2
Gen. Motors	37	U.S. Rubber	21 1/2
Gen. Railway Signal	12 1/2	U.S. Steel	51 1/2
Gen. Tire & Rubber	10 1/2	Vanadium	23 1/2
Goodrich (B.F.)	12	Vultee Aircraft	4 1/2
Goodyear Tire & Co.	16	Walworth Co.	4 1/2
Great Northern Iron Ore	14 1/2	Warner Bros. Pict.	3 1/2
Great Northern Rly. pfd.	24 1/2	Westinghouse Elec.	87
Great Western Sugar	24 1/2	Woodward Iron Cor.	26 1/2
Int Nickel	23	Chase National Bank	28 1/2
Inter. Paper & Power	13	National City Bank	24 1/2
Int. Tel. & Tel.	21	Libby, Monell & Libby	24 1/2
Johannesman	58 1/2		

DOW JONES AVERAGE

1940/41				May 16, 1941.			
High	Low	Jones Averages		May 14,	High	Low	Change
132.80	111.84	30 Industrials		116.91	117.37	115.54	115.73 1.23 off
32.67	22.15	20 Rail		23.87	23.39	27.74	27.77 .50 off
30.45	17.31	20 Utilities		17.44	17.47	17.29	17.32 .12 off
92.19	33.08	40 Bonds		91.81		91.31	.30 off
69.78	48.74	11 Commodity Index		69.76		69.03	.73 off
Business Done:—500,000 shares							

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S.S. "PRESIDENT TAIT"	May 20
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S.S. "PRESIDENT GARFIELD"	May 18
S.S. "PRESIDENT MONROE"	June 1

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S.S. "PRESIDENT COOLIDGE"	June 7
S.S. "PRESIDENT PIERCE"	June 18

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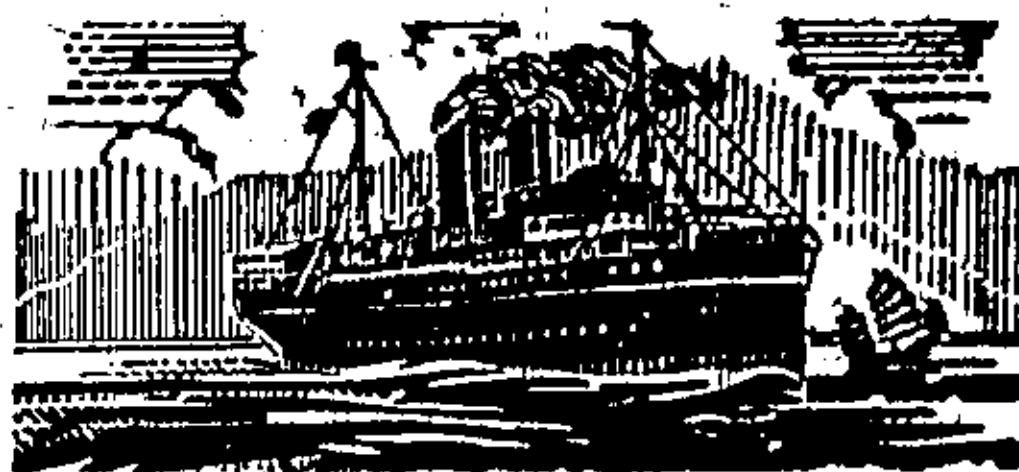
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Middle East Communique

Widespread Activity Of The R.A.F.

LONDON, May 16 (Reuters).—A British Middle East communique issued yesterday states:

"Cyrenaica.—On the night of May 12-13, bombers over Benghazi registered direct hits on the railway, the military headquarters, government buildings and the base of the Cathedral mole. Fires were started but detailed observation was difficult. Numerous reconnaissance patrols were carried out yesterday.

DODECANESE

"Dodecanese.—On the previous night, aerodromes at Maritza and Calato were bombed. Fires were started and there were hits near dispersed aircraft.

IRAQ

"Iraq.—There have been continuous aerial attacks on rebel positions and objectives such as aerodromes, railways and motor transport. Amara, Rashid, Mosul and the railway at Baghdad were all raided.

ABYSSINIA

"Abyssinia.—Direct hits were obtained on Fort Mendil in Central Abyssinia, and machine gun posts and troops were attacked at Solasclamanna and Giabbassire by units of the South African Air Force.

MALTA

"Malta.—Enemy aircraft raided Malta on the night of May 13-14, causing slight damage to R.A.F. property, but no casualties, civilian or military. There was another small raid yesterday. British fighters intercepted and drove off these planes.

"From all these operations, two aircraft were lost but the pilot of one of them escaped safely by parachute."

RADIO PROGRAMME

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(Vivace): 4th Mov: Finale (Allegro)—Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring—Choir of the Temple Church, London. Prelude in E Minor; Fugue in E Minor—Edouard Commette (Organ).

8.40 A Dvorak Song. Songs My Mother Taught Me—Dino Borgioli (Tenor) with instr. accomp.

8.45 Studio—Book Reviews. 9.00 London Relay—The News and News Commentary.

9.15 Leoncavallo's "I Pagliacci"—Scene 2.

Characters and Soloists in order of Appearance: Nedda, Canio's wife—Columbine—Iva Pacetti (Soprano); Tonio, a clown—Mario Basile (Baritone); Silvio, a villager in love with Nedda—Paci (Baritone); Beppe, Harlequin—Nessi (Tenor); Canio, leader of village comedy troupe—Cigli (Tenor) with Members of La Scala Orchestra and Chorus, Milan.

9.45—10.15 News in French (on Short Wave Only).

9.45 Compositions of Bach. Two Minuets from "Sonata No. 3 in E Major for Solo Violin"—Henry Merckel (Violin). Brandenburg Concerto No. 3 in B Flat Major—1st Mov: Allegro; 2nd Mov: Adagio ma non troppo; Finale: Allegro—Sir Henry Wood and His Symphony Orchestra.

BREEDING CHINA'S WAR HORSE

Seven horse breeding stations are crossing stallions of foreign selected strains with local mares to breed better war horses for the Chinese army. They are distributed over the nation's northwest and southwest pasture lands.

First horse breeding station in charge of animal husbandry experts and cavalry officers is the Chuyung Horse Breeding Station formerly near Nanking. Fine results were reported about the adaptation of Arabian horses to Chinese environment. The station is now in central Kweichow.

Largest of the stations are those situated in the Northwest, China's main pasture country. One station in Kansu is breeding and improving cattle, yak, and sheep, and experimenting with breeding local Tibetan horses and studies the peculiarities of native strains, in preparation for the introduction of foreign breeds.

Another station has 1,000 mares. Four foreign stallions are now mating with the mares and more than 100 foals were reported in 1940. Native Tibetans are invited to herd the station's horses with their own stocks under the supervision experts to further the nomads' interest in improved strains. The station has a branch range at Mahstienhan (Horse Bit Mountain) on the fringe of Ningxia's desert experimenting with Mongolian horses.

In the Southwest, the largest horse breeding station is the one near Luichow in Kwangsi. With 250 mow of pasture, three miles of track, veterinary doctors and hospitals, and a number of large stables, the station's 10 stallions of Arabian, Mongolian, and Japanese origin and 100 mares produced about 500 improved foals in the last six years. Both inbreeding and mixed breeding are employed.

DIFFERENT BREEDS

There are also stations in eastern Kwangtung. One of the objects of these stations is to determine characteristics of the different breeds of Chinese horses. There are two main breeds in the Chinese horse family, the Mongolian and the Chienchang (Szechwan) horses, both of them descended from the original Przewalsky horse that existed in Asia. The most proto-Mongolian horse is found in Kyryun in Outer Mongolia. It has good endurance and stands considerable hardship. Most of the Chinese troops in the northern provinces are using this breed. An ordinary Mongolian horse is sold at \$200 per head, the pre-war price being \$50-\$80.

The Chienchang breed is commonly known as the "Szechwan Horse." It is found in the Sichang district. Bred on the fringe of the eastern extension of the Tibetan Plateau, this horse is short, small, stands only three and a half feet although a small percentage of them measures five feet in height. It has a big head, short neck, and thick bones. Steady and strong, it is at its best while travelling over mountainous regions and is best fitted for service in the southern part of the country. Its present price is about \$200 per head.

Besides the two main breeds, there are also the ill breed and the Tibetan breed commonly known as the "Southern Barbarian Horse." The ill horse is a mixed breed of proto-Mongolian and Arabic horses. The "Southern Barbarian Horse" belongs to the category of heavy horse and flourishes on the high Tibetan Plateau.

China has 8,405,000 horses in her border districts according to an estimate in China's Animal Husbandry. The figure does not include those owned by farmers.—(C.I.C.)

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KEEN DEMAND FOR AGRICULTURAL LOTS IN THE N.T.

The keen demand for agricultural lots in the New Territories, noticed during recent Crown Land sales, was again evidenced by the brisk bidding for all the six lots sold at the District Office, South, yesterday.

The first lot, at Ha Kwai Chung, measuring only .04 acre and with an upset price of \$6 realised \$20; while a lot, with the same area and an upset price of \$9, at Tsum Wan, was sold for \$173 or just over 19 times its valuation by Government.

At Kau Kang, a .11 acre lot, though valued at only \$16 was knocked down for \$205 (a little under 13 times its upset price).

Three lots at Lo Wai, known as D.D. 453, Lot Nos. 1, 187, 1, 188 and 1, 189, measuring .51, .10 and .08 acres respectively, were sold for \$200, \$161 and \$36. The upset prices were \$112, \$22 and \$12, respectively.

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Refresher Course
May 18, H.Q. 7 p.m. St. John's Place, 930 a.m. Those detailed.**1st Battery**
May 20, H.Q. 2 p.m. All Secs. Training at D'Aguilar. D.E.L. to Wellington Bks. Dress as usual with helmet.
May 22, H.Q. 5.30 p.m. L.G. B.C.A. and signals. Dress—Mufli.**2nd Battery**
May 20, D.E.L. School, 5.30 p.m. D.E.L. Personnel D.E.L. training Dress—Mufli and S.D. caps to be carried.
May 22, H.Q. 1.45 p.m. R. Sec. No. 1. Fatigue Party. Half day training. Remainder. H.Q. 2.15 p.m. Dress as laid down with helmets.**3rd Battery**
May 22, H.Q. 2 p.m. All Secs. for Aberdeen. Dress as usual with helmets.**4th Battery**
May 20, H.Q. 2.15 p.m. All Secs. General battery drill and instruction. Dress as usual but helmets instead of S.D. caps.
May 22, H.Q. 5.30 p.m. Those detailed. S.D. cap, web belt. Musketry instruction. Orderly Sgt. for the week—Sgt. F. Thomson.**5th A.A. Battery**
May 20, H.Q. 2.30 p.m. No. 1 Sec. Half day training at Salwan. Dress as laid down with helmets.
May 20, St. John's Place, 5.30 p.m. No. 2 Sec. Lecture. Dress—Mufli.
May 22, H.Q. 2.30 p.m. No. 2 Sec. Half day training at Salwan. Dress as laid down with helmets.
May 22, St. John's Place, 5.30 p.m. No. 1 Sec. Lecture. Dress—Mufli.**Field Company Engineers**
May 19, K.C.R., 5.30 p.m. Arms drill. Dress—Mufli.
May 22, H.Q. St. John's Place, 2.15 p.m. Bridging exercise at Mt. Nicholson. Dress—Helmet, shirt, trousers, boots. Overalls must be carried.**Corps Signals**
May 19, H.Q. 5.20 p.m. (i) Classification Class, Preparation training. (ii) Cable working party and checking signal stores. (iii) Remainder. Signal training.
May 21, H.Q. 2 p.m. (i) Those detailed. Classification Tests by Royal Corps of Signals. (ii) Remainder. Field Cable laying exercise. (iii) Night signal exercise. (iv) Dress—Battle order with helmets.

May 23, Govt. Trade School, 2 p.m. W/T Class. There will be no evening parade.

Mobile Column
May 19, All Pins, H.Q., 5.30 p.m. (i) Nos. 1 and 2 Pins. Classes A, B, C, V.G. recapitulation. Classes D and E, L.G. recapitulation. (ii) Nos. 3 and 4 Pins. S.B. respirator test and gas chamber. S.B.R.s. will be drawn from Cpl. Cairns. (iii) No. 5 Pin. Lecture. V.G. Elementary Principles. (iv) Dress—As previously ordered.
May 21, H.Q. 2 p.m. All Pins. Kit inspection and T.O.E.T. Dress—Battle Order, topes. All N.C.O.'s and men must parade with their full issue of clothing and equipment.
May 23, H.Q. 5.30 p.m. All Pins. (i) Nos. 1 and 2 Pins. Message writing. (ii) Nos. 3 and 4 Pins. Revolver instruction. (iii) No. 5 Pin. Revolver instruction. Revolvers will be drawn from Cpl. Cairns. (iv) Dress. As previously ordered.**No. 1 Company**
May 19, H.Q. 2 p.m. Half day training. Dress as usual. Helmet, mess tin and trousers will be brought.
May 23, H.Q. 5.30 p.m. Weapon training.**No. 2 Company**
May 20, Kowloon Docks, 5.30 p.m. No. 6 Pin. Weapon training.
May 21, H.Q. 5.30 p.m. (i) M.G. Pin. L.G. training. (ii) L.G. Pin. Rifle. (iii) N.C.O.'s. Sand Table exercise.
May 23, H.Q. 2 p.m. Company parade. Dress—Battle Order. Helmet will be worn. Trousers in Haversacks.**No. 3 Company**
May 19, H.Q. 2.15 p.m. Dress—Fighting Order. Waterbottle filled. Helmet.
May 22, St. John's Place, 5.30 p.m. Dress—Overalls. Training as per Company programme.**No. 4 Company**
May 19, H.Q. 5.30 p.m. Classes 1 and 2. Sand Table exercise. Remainder L.G. Instruction as per Company programme.
May 20, Murray Parade Ground, 5.15 p.m. Recruits and those detailed.
May 21, H.Q. 2.15 p.m. Half day training. Helmet to be worn.
May 23, Murray Parade Ground, 5.15 p.m. Recruits and those detailed.**No. 5 Company**
May 19, Kowloon R. Station, 2.15 p.m. Dress—Boots, trousers, shirt, helmet, webbing equipment and mess tin.
May 23, H.Q. 5.30 p.m. One period only. M.G. Secs. L.A. 3rd and 4th positions (blind folded). L.G. Secs. Advance handling duties of Nos. 1 and 2 Part II.**Herr Hess Saw Red Light**

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"This proves what Herr Hitler said in his 'Mein Kampf' in which Herr Hess assisted—that 'the understanding of the German masses is feeble'."

Mr. Steed said that despite what Dr. Goebbels had to say, the German people did seem to understand that something had gone wrong. Last Monday evening came the official German announcement that Herr Hess had for a long time been suffering from an illness and that he had flown to England against Herr Hitler's orders. The announcement added that Herr Hess must have been a victim of hallucinations.

A few minutes later came the more astonishing news that Herr Hess had come down in Scotland—that is to say at the very moment that the German bombers were making their heaviest raid on London and when a larger number of them were shot down than on any previous night.

TWO SUGGESTIONS

"So the question arises: Why did Herr Hess fly to Britain?" continued Mr. Steed. "Two suggestions have been put forward—the first was that Herr Hess knew that he had become a candidate for the Gestapo; and that he thought it better to be a prisoner in Britain than to be a dead gangster in Germany. Herr Hess would never have flown to Britain if he had not been convinced that this country would never be conquered by Germany."

"These answers may all be good, but there is a suspicion that the fight might have been under-estimated. It appears that Herr Hess has recently made the acquaintance of a Scottish noble and he is said to have made for that estate, and, indeed, came down within a few miles of it. He may, therefore, have meant to use the

Duke of Hamilton for making peace between Germany and Great Britain.

"According to the German official statement, Herr Hess is mentally deranged, or, in plain English, dotty or crazy. British medical opinion says that he is perfectly sane. If Herr Hess thought by talking to the Duke of Hamilton he could bring about peace between Britain and Germany, he must, indeed, be crazy."

POPULAR DUKE

Mr. Steed then referred briefly to the Duke of Hamilton whom he described as a first-class sportsman and a good airman, who was now serving in the Royal Air Force. He had taken part in an expedition to climb Mount Everest, and he had actually flown an aeroplane over the top of that hitherto unconquered mountain. Everyone knew the Duke and liked him. It was said that Herr Hess did write to him and that the letter was passed on to the Government.

"When the Prime Minister thinks it right to say what he knows, this part of the story will be reduced to its proper proportion," said Mr. Steed. "Meanwhile there are other conundrums which arise from the story. If Herr Hess flew to see the Duke of Hamilton for the sake of making peace, he would have made sure that he would get there. But, in fact, he flew his plane during a severe raid and did, indeed, just escape. Apart from that, he must have known that a fighter aeroplane cannot operate very far from its base."

TWO CONJECTURES

"So it looked as if Herr Hess flew to Britain, with or without the idea of making peace, because he felt that Herr Hitler could not win the war. At this point German propaganda butted in with two contradictory conjectures—at one moment it was that Herr Hess wanted to save the British Empire from destruction. Within one hour German propaganda added the suggestion that Herr Hess thought that the Duke of Hamilton could lead a movement against Mr. Churchill's gang of war-mongers and that he would return in a few hours to his Fuehrer."

"The only sane conclusion to be drawn from this fantastic notion is that the other leaders of Nazism in Germany are as crazy as ever. The story of his long illness will not deceive even the Germans. The Germans know that Herr Hess was a big strong fellow who has always figured as the physical lion of the Nazi party. He was, until last Saturday, its administrative head."

"It was he who promised the Germans' complete victory this year. It was he who presented a gold medal recently to the Messerschmitt designers. It was Herr Hess who took his place at Herr Hitler's side a short time ago when Herr Hitler harangued the Reichstag."

ONLY EXPLANATION

"I can think of only one explanation, and that recalls something that happened in the last war, when it was stated that the Battle of the Marne began the defeat of the German army."

"Herr Hess probably understood that the defeat of the German air force in Sept. 1940 was the Battle of the Marne of this war."

Mr. Steed declared that there might be something in the story that Herr Hess disliked Herr Hitler's policy of co-operation with Russia. Herr Hess had probably good reason to know what had happened to the Nazis who dared to criticise Herr Hitler before. He may have heard that he had placed himself in this position.

"In fact he saw the red light for himself as well as for Nazi Germany and resolved to get out as well he could," said Mr. Steed. "He may have thought that he could induce Britain to support his peace move and, if he thought that, it shows how ignorant the Nazis must be of our determination to have no truck with the Prussian abomination."

EFFECT ON NAZI SPIRIT

Mr. Steed went on to discuss the effect of Herr Hess's flight on the spirit of the people of Germany. This spirit had already suffered under the British air raid, "but Herr Hess has hit Nazi Germany a harder blow than anything dealt her by British aircraft."

"Herr Hess's flight had also damaged Herr Hitler's prestige and he will, no doubt, move heaven and earth to restore it. He may try to do it by attacking Russia, or by getting full collaboration from Vichy. But as Mr. Churchill said, the maggot is in the apple. The

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German people know it and we know it. What we do not know is when the apple will fall from the tree."

VICHY AND GERMANY

Turning to recent developments in Franco-German relations, Mr. Steed said: "Admiral Darlan went to see Herr Hitler at Berchtesgaden on the very day Herr Hess arrived here and agreed that unoccupied France will co-operate with Germany to the extent of placing her air bases in Syria at the disposal of the Germans. Very soon after this was announced, British aircraft have acted against German aircraft in Syria and we know that other steps are being taken to defend Africa generally."

Mr. Steed said that Mr. Eden had already spoken on this subject and it was not by accident that the Foreign Secretary had mentioned that the United States Government was being kept fully informed of these developments.

U.S. WARNING

"What this means was shown by a special message to the French people which was broadcast from Boston, Massachusetts, on Thursday night," continued Mr. Steed. "This message said that the United States Government had been profoundly disturbed by the events of the past few days and that the moment had come for the French people to choose between friendship of the United States and the friendship of Nazi Germany."

"Altogether this has been a bad week for Herr Hitler. His right-hand man has gone to Britain and the United States has taken a firm attitude with regard to his relations with Vichy."

"We shall see what we shall see, but it looks to me as if the maggot in the apple tree may be eating its way right through the fruit," concluded Mr. Steed.

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